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Siam's Govt To Fight Communism

STRONG MEASURES EXPECTED

Bangkok, Feb. 18.—(AP).—A Cabinet decision to take strong anti-Communist measures will be promulgated in a Royal decree by this weekend. Siam will not tolerate an influx of Communism although the doctrine is sweeping neighboring countries, Premier Phibun Songgram told The Associated Press yesterday following the government's decision to declare a state of national emergency.

The Premier said the police were instructed to control the press by partial censorship, especially those papers showing pro-Communist leanings. It applied to newspapers in all languages, he said, hinting at the large Chinese press in Siam.

JUSTIFIES ACTION

The Premier cited a Paris report that China's Mao Tse-tung and Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh are planning the domination of all Asia by Communism.

Over Radio Bangkok the Premier yesterday spoke in justification of the Cabinet action, stating that every step will be taken to prevent the public from being influenced by pro-Communist doctrine. He pointed to China and the European countries unable to withstand Communist infiltration.

Because publicity is more powerful than weapons, even in war, the press must be controlled, he said. "What I am doing is in behalf of Siam's 10,000,000 people," the Premier said.—Associated Press.

TEN DIE FROM METHYL ALCOHOL

Glasgow, Feb. 17.—Ten people who died after two liquor parties in Glasgow last month drank methyl alcohol stolen by an employee from the local chemical works was the finding at a Glasgow inquest today.

The police said an employee at the chemical works had admitted he had stolen the methyl alcohol and distributed it to friends. The man took some himself and had been taken to hospital.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Civil War In Greece

WITH the world's newspapers dominated by the East-West struggle and the events in China, Greece's entry upon her fifth year of civil war this month has passed largely unnoticed. The struggle in Greece follows the all too familiar post-war pattern: a country torn by the war and then unable to recover owing to internal strife. Viewed as part of the overall world picture Greece's vicissitudes are not in the first rank of importance; but their small scale makes them no less tragic. There is in Greece no sign of peace; in fact there is every prospect of the fighting growing still more bitter. There has been some talk of a lull during the winter, but this apparently has been used by both sides to reorganise and plan more offensive operations for the Spring. The Prime Minister, Mr. Sophoulis, was recently assured of the continued backing of most of the Chamber for his five-party coalition, formed at the end of January. He has put General Papagos in charge of the armed forces, and the new commander has made appeals for a strengthening of the resolve to resist the Communist guerrillas. The Communists, on their part, have replaced General Markos with General Zachariades, who is reported this week to have lost his first large-scale battle with the Government near Florina. That battle is said to have cost him at least 600 of his men. The reason for the Communists' change of leadership is obscure. Their explanation is that General Markos was relieved of his "political responsibilities" because of ill-health. But at the same time the Communists are reported to have elected a new executive, and one explanation may be that they have decided it is time to bring the guerrilla

movement more directly under central control. Last year the guerrillas were unexpectedly successful in their operations in the Peloponnese, but recently the Government has claimed to be making "good progress" in regaining command in that area. The insurgents, like all guerrillas, show a toughness and aggressive spirit which is sometimes lacking in more disciplined and organised troops. Unhindered by such military necessities as the establishment of static defences or the administration of large areas, and having at their backs a friendly northern border, they have proved a force to be reckoned with. They are the contestants, and the Greek Government's task in suppressing them is by no means an easy one. The Greek Army, after maintaining long offensives and arduous garrison and convoy duties, needs a rest. And it needs substantial expansion if it is to cope with the Communist threat. In this respect it will be interesting to watch the United States reaction to renewed requests for assistance. The Greek Government has explained its position, and Mr. Harriman, the roving Marshall Plan chief, has replied that it is for the United States Congress to decide upon the extent of any further aid. Congress is expected to take into consideration the fact that a large part of the money originally granted to Greece for reconstruction has been swallowed up by the campaign against the rebels, and while the United States obviously is sympathetic to requests for help in suppressing Communism, there is a limit to such aid, as witness the case of China. The Greek Government will have to make a more successful showing against the guerrillas if it is to expect continued financial and material assistance from the United States.

Li To "Endure" The Present Position

Nanking, Feb. 18.—No moves are likely to be made in Nanking to oust the Premier, Dr Sun Fo, during the delicate peace overtures of the Shanghai non-partisan delegation in Peiping, it was learned reliably by Reuters today.

Authoritative sources explained that it would anyhow be impossible to bring about the Premier's downfall before the Legislative Yuan meets here about February 25.

They denied reports that President Li Tsung-jen had offered the post to General Ho Ying-chin, a graduate of the Whampoa Military Academy with an influential following.

To change the Premier, the President would require a two-thirds majority of the Nationalist legislators, they said, adding that as a former President of the Legislative Yuan, Dr Sun Fo still had a big following.

Reuters understood that acting President Li Tsung-jen would "endure the difficulties" of a Nanking-Canton split in the Government and hoped to minimise it.

Some observers thought this statement might mean that followers of the President would soon threaten to set a time limit on the Premier's return to the capital with a possible deadline after the Legislative Yuan begins its next session.—Reuter-AAP.

BLAST FROM RED RADIO
Shanghai, Feb. 17.—While the unofficial peace delegation of Shanghai civil leaders was discussing with the Communists in Peiping ways and means to end the civil war, the Red radio unleashed a blast of ridicule at President Li Tsung-jen's efforts in the same direction.

The radio said that developments in the past month showed that the peace measures proclaimed by Li Tsung-jen were worthless, as his orders were not obeyed. It said that several of the measures he announced to "sweep away all obstacles to peace" were cancelled later by the Executive Yuan.

The broadcast charged that Li Tsung-jen was only "qualified to dupe the people while Chiang Kai-shek pulls strings behind the scenes." It alleged that since Li issued "hypocritical peace measures" democratic elements were imprisoned and the persecution of people by the Komingtang continued.—United Press.

Poland Or Palestine For Stanley?

London, Feb. 17.—The Home Secretary, Mr James Chuter Ede, told Parliament today that he would not approach the Israeli Government to admit Mr Sidney Stanley, key figure in the Lynskey "Corruption" Tribunal, until he knew whether Poland would accept him.

Mr Chuter Ede said Mr Stanley was originally described at the Tribunal hearings as a Pole and he was trying to deport him to Poland. Mr Will Nally, Labour, said he hoped that the Minister in any representations would emphasise that British, Jewish and Arab lives had been sacrificed for the principle that every Jew should have the right to enter Palestine.

PAINFUL IMPRESSION
A painful impression would be created in Britain if the Israeli Government "take the best and leave the parasites behind," he said.

Amid laughter, Mr Geoffrey Nicholson, Conservative, asked if it was intended to be a compliment to Poland to offer them the first refusal. More laughter greeted a remark by Mr A. V. Harvey, Conservative, that if Poland applied favourably he hoped the Minister would ensure that Mr Stanley was not sent to the Polish Embassy in London as a trade commission with diplomatic privileges.

Sir Walden Smithers, Conservative, was rebuked by the Speaker for facetiously suggesting that Mr Stanley might be appointed Chairman of the Exchequer pending his deportation.—Reuter.

Bitter Battle Near Insein

FOR MONASTERY STRONGHOLD

Rangoon, Feb. 17.—Burmese Government troops and Karen insurgents fought bitterly again today for the possession of a Buddhist monastery, formerly a Karen stronghold, near Insein, 15 miles north of Rangoon.

Low-flying Burma Air Force planes provided protective cover to Government forces during a Karen counter-offensive to recapture the monastery, which changed hands several times yesterday.

Government troops withdrew after fierce fighting, but regrouped and drove the Karens out.

At Gyagon, one mile to the south, Government troops made a slight advance, the Karens retreating towards Insein.

AID FOR REFUGEES
The Indian Government has contributed 10,000 rupees towards the relief of refugees in Rangoon, it was officially announced today. About 7,000 people, mostly Indians, have been evacuated to the city since the Insein fighting began.

Loss of Indian property in the area has been estimated at one million rupees.

Prisoners in Rangoon central jail, shouting slogans from their cells, today staged a protest against the trial of U Tun Aung Gyaw, President of the All-Burma Ministerial Services Union.

The trial, which was being held within the prison walls, has been deferred to March 3. U Tun Aung Gyaw was taken into custody 10 days ago for calling a general strike of Government employees.

Rangoon General Post Office workers staged a one-day sit-down strike in sympathy with dismissed Government employees. Railway workers, who struck yesterday, held a protest meeting.—Reuter.

Mr Keates Regains Consciousness

Mr Walter Keates, editor-in-chief of the China Mail, who sustained a fractured skull when knocked down by a tram last Monday evening, this morning fully recovered consciousness, and it was stated at the Queen Mary Hospital that his condition shows marked improvement.

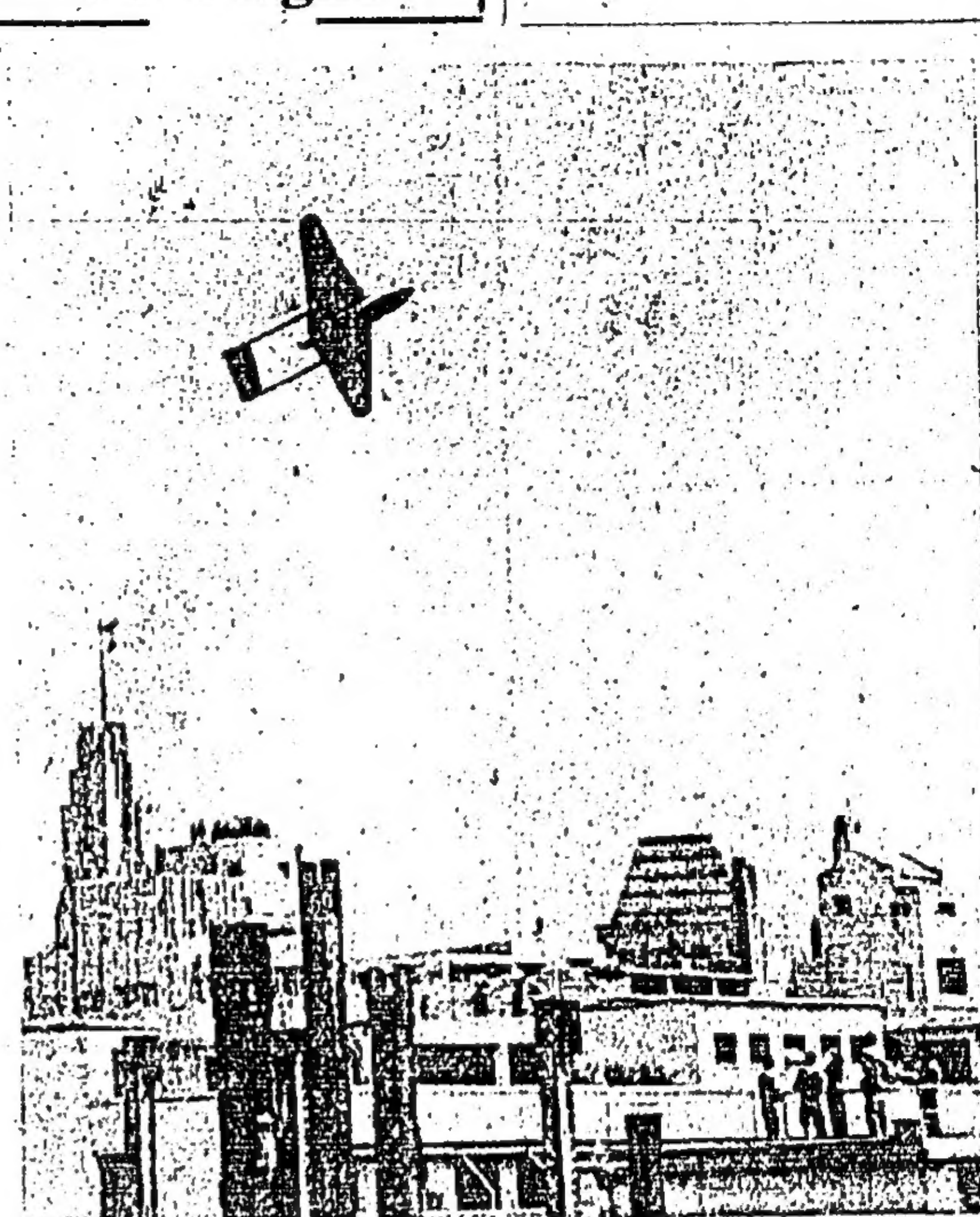
Until this morning, Mr Keates had been in varying states of unconsciousness since his admission to hospital on Monday.

Air Services Stopped

Bombay, Feb. 17.—Air India, Limited, today announced an indefinite suspension of all its internal air services with effect from tomorrow because the airline's 3,000-strong employees' union voted to strike from midnight tonight.

An airline spokesman said the Bombay-London biweekly flight would be maintained according to schedule.—Reuter.

The Vampire In Flight



This picture taken yesterday by our staff photographer shows the Vampire jet plane, piloted by Flight-Lieut. G. Francis, soaring sharply over city rooftops during the course of a thrilling aerobatics display. The exhibition was repeated this morning.

S'hai Firing Squads In Action

THREE STRIKE LEADERS AND A SOLDIER PUBLICLY EXECUTED

Shanghai, Feb. 18.—There was the sound of gunfire in Shanghai last night and the sound of firing squads whose rifles cracked out in response to orders that anarchy and uncontrolled violence end in death.

Three accused ring leaders of a city bus strike and one soldier, who was among a mob that stormed and then shot into the crowd in a Chinese theatre, paid the penalty.

The soldier was executed in the sight of an estimated 1,000 persons who stood and watched while a gang of his mates battled with police, gendarmes and military patrols.

The strikers met a more dignified but just as final fate.

To those whose job it is to watch and try to probe the undercurrents of tension which have been flowing daily beneath Shanghai's calm exterior, recent weeks' and yesterday's events that led to executions might—just might—be a signal pointing to events much more serious.

High American and Chinese sources in both official and business fields, polled by the United Press in recent days, see in these things and others a force building up as part of but still separate from China's stagnated civil war.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

On the surface, life is just about the same in Shanghai as it has been for many months.

Business goes on as usual. Nanking Road shops still offer their wares to foreigners in quest of things exotic. Theatres showing foreign movies continue garish advertisements in newspapers. Offices are open for business.

The famed Bund still carries its burden of jam-packed automobiles, trams, pedicabs and pedestrian traffic. Hawkers clutter up the sidewalks with their tangerines and other things. The dignified old Shanghai Club bar, which once boasted the greatest length in the world, still functions. Newspapers still appear.

United States Marines are still billeted aboard the Bayfield, exercises in the compound of the Naval Annex. But radio-equipped Marine police jeeps were seen here and there in unobtrusive patrols.

Chinese military police are seen keeping company with grey-bearded Sikhs who guard the entrance of the American and British official buildings.

Increased heads of foreign business firms tell you of warnings by employees that unless their demands are met they might not be permitted to leave their offices. Newspapers planning to move to Canton or Hongkong are told flatly they had better not try to move out any equipment.

It is not the Communists that these business men and others, ask-

DELAY IN EGYPTIAN- ISRAELI ARMISTICE

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

Rhodes, Feb. 17.—Technical difficulties may delay for a few days the signing of the now virtually completed Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement, an informed source told Reuter today.

The present hitch includes bringing Dr Shabtai Rosen, the Israeli legal adviser, from Tel-Aviv, the source added. He should arrive by Friday, possibly by plane, to get the agreement concluded and signed during the weekend, the source said.

Another hitch is the necessity for the Egyptians to refer the completed draft to Cairo for approval before signing. This would probably delay the signature for another 24 hours.

The Transjordan-Israeli talks will open in the middle of next week if the Egyptian agreement is concluded in the next few days, usually reliable sources said earlier today.

ISRAEL-LEBANON

An agreement between Israel and the Lebanon has been "virtually drafted" and will probably be completed once the Egyptian armistice agreement is signed, according to a source close to the Israeli delegation. Dr Ralph Bunche feels that the opening of discussions with Transjordan might prompt moves for similar conferences with the remaining Arab League countries, it was understood.

Two main difficulties envisaged in the prospective Israeli-Transjordan talks are the problem of the Tulkarm-Jenin-Nablus "A r a b triangle" in Central Palestine, mainly held by Iraqis, and the possible political character of the conversations.

Possibilities mentioned by conference circles are that the Transjordan delegation may include Iraqi officers, or that King Abdullah of Transjordan, and Regent Abdul Illa of Iraq will reach some private agreement outside the conference.

FIXING MINOR DETAILS

Meanwhile Israeli and Egyptian delegates were tonight straightening out minor details of agreement on Afula, due to become the headquarters of the Armistice Commission, and Beerseba, which will probably remain in Israeli hands.

Once agreement about these two disputed Negev towns have been concluded there will be only small points to be settled, including the question of the withdrawal of Israeli troops in the Eastern Negev facing the Transjordan frontier.

The Acting Mediator, Dr Bunche, worked until the early hours of today with his senior advisers, hammering out the latest draft agreements.

Informed sources said the draft met with the Egyptians' complete approval, except for certain minor details. A high source of the Israeli delegation told Reuter today that though the acting Mediator had put in a great deal of work, the Israeli representatives felt one of the main accomplishments of the conference had been a series of back-stage meetings not attended by United Nations officials.

These helped to remove "mutual suspicion" which had slowed up the talks in the early stages.—Reuter.

Soviet Blockade Of Berlin A Failure Says Clay

Berlin, Feb. 17.—General Lucius Clay, American commander in Germany, made it plain today that the Soviet blockade of Berlin was a failure.

In an interview, General Clay said, "It has become crystal clear that blockades and starvation do not form a successful tool for political coercion. There is no question whatsoever of our ability to sustain Berlin by air indefinitely until we have accomplished our objectives."

The Russians are building permanent road blocks of iron, steel and stone across several of the Berlin streets which link the Soviet sector with the Western sectors. Semi-permanent barriers are being thrown across other traffic arteries. General Clay said that without adding any planes to the airlift, "we will be able to bring in more than 6,000 tons of supplies daily from hereon."

Four thousand tons daily are considered the minimum amount of supplies necessary to sustain the Western sectors of Berlin.

General Clay also: 1. Said that the United States was proceeding with formation of the Western German Government. 2. Declared Nazism completely dead. 3. Refused to comment on the possibility that Russia might lift the blockade in the near future. 4. Denied charges that Germany's economy was recovering too rapidly at the expense of other European countries.

He said Germany's increased production benefited all members of the Marshall Plan. Despite Stalin's recent peace offer to President Truman, plans for Western Germany would go ahead, he added.

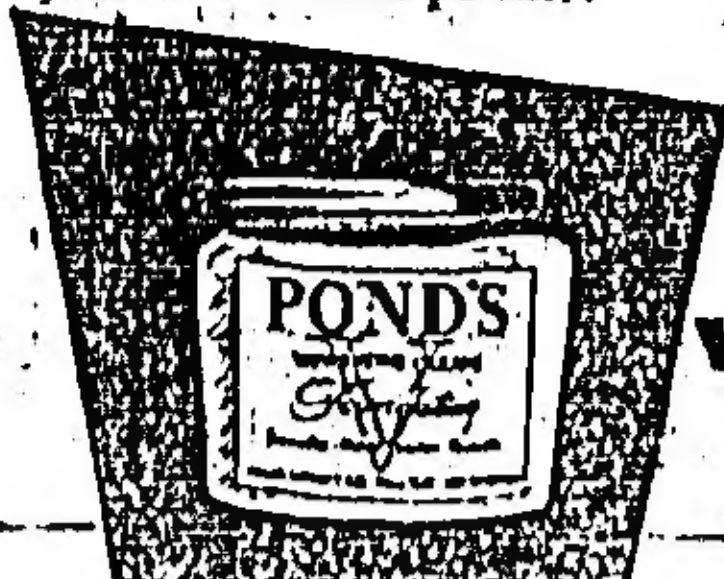
Stalin had said he could see no obstacle to lifting the Berlin blockade if Allied plans for Western Germany were postponed pending the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.—United Press.

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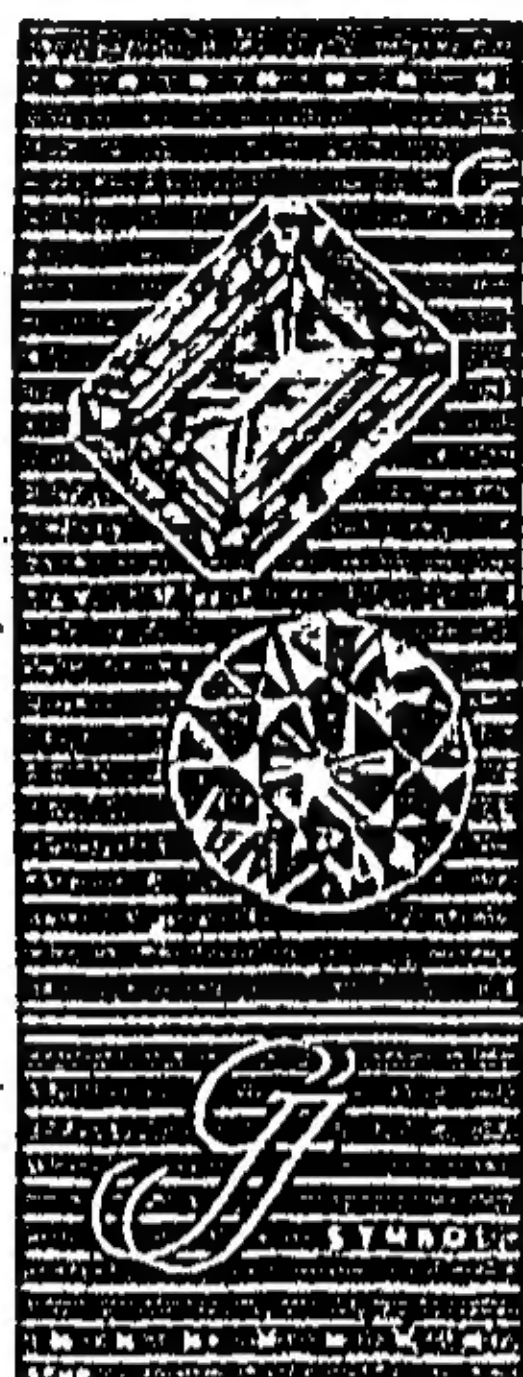
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WOMANSENSE



18-year-old Princess Margaret

PRINCESS Margaret, second daughter of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, has survived with complete success that most difficult phase in the relationship between two sisters when an age difference of a few years suddenly lengthens alarmingly. Almost overnight it will be seen that the elder has become a grown-up person living in a grown-up world, with newly acquired interests that can no longer be shared by the younger sister, who is left alone in the schoolroom, often rather a forlorn, and sometimes a resentful figure.

In the case of Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret this phase was reached towards the end of World War II, when, as a girl of 18, the elder sister began in earnest to take up the threads of the busy public life to which she is dedicated by the claims of her great position. Then was the period when Princess Margaret, still only a child of 14, might have felt herself separated from the sister with whom she had shared a singularly happy, tranquil and sheltered childhood.

But not by the wildest stretch of imagination could Princess Margaret be thought of as "forlorn", and the 14-year-old child, quite without jealousy, as excited by, and as proud of, her sister's first public engagements as if they had been her own, will not fit into the picture of the lonely figure in the schoolroom—an envious spectator, or an onlooker at the scene.

Carefully Planned Upbringing

It might have been different if that intimately shared childhood—so much closer than if their school-days had been spent apart from each other—had encouraged in Princess Margaret, as sometimes happens in these circumstances, an excessive dependence upon her elder sister. But, as individuals, each with distinctive, sharply etched and, above all, an essentially "different" personality, the two sisters are too positive for there to be any limiting interdependence. The same wise, benevolent influences, which stemmed from an upbringing carefully planned by their parents, have guided the development of each of them, but have not, as it were, made them into the same person.

It is true that between them there is a close affinity of taste, which shows itself in their love of dancing and riding, in their fondness for dogs and horses and for an outdoor life, in their aptitude for music.

This community of interest was encouraged by the fact that in childhood the education of both Princesses was allowed to develop on similar lines. They shared the same lessons with the same governesses, of whom Miss Marion Kirk Crawford—now Mrs G. Main Buth—was for 15 years the most important influence upon the lives of both the children. Under the tutelage of the Vicomtesse de Belliague, Princess Margaret—like her sister—acquired a remarkably sound knowledge of French, which she both speaks and reads fluently. Again, her reading of constitutional history, which she began on her return from the Union of South Africa in 1947, took place under the sympathetic direction of the late Sir Henry Marten, Provost of Eton, who guided her sister's studies in this most vital branch of a Princess's education.

Secret Of The "Cold Perm"

WHEN scientists start investigating, there is no telling what they may learn. And it has come as a surprise to women in Britain—and to their hairdressers—to hear that when experts in the textile industry decided that the method of curling mohair could be improved on (ordinarily this involved boiling water or steam) they accidentally hit on the idea of the "cold perm" which has now become famous.

"Many people," said Professor Speckman, head of the Textile Department at Leeds University, in the north of England, "imagine that the discovery was made in the United States. Actually, it was made in this building in 1937". In fact, Professor Speckman has learned so much about the science of the "perm" that not long ago he addressed the Professional Hairdressers' Development Group in London, with special reference to hair textures and conditions.

A Princess Of England

by
Betty Spencer Shew

Princess Margaret, like her sister, is an accomplished pianist, and also possesses a clear soprano voice of true quality. Princess Margaret's pleasure in the madrigal singing parties which her sister and herself used to give at Buckingham Palace was always infectious. Sometimes a wider audience than their own circle of personal friends could offer, have enjoyed the Princesses' singing, notably at the semi-public Christmas pantomimes at Windsor Castle, when year after year Princess Elizabeth made a most dashing "Principal Boy" and her sister a very charming "Principal Girl". In H.M.S. Vanguard, too, on the journey to the Union of South Africa, the Princesses took a most effective part in the ship's concerts.

Secret Of Success

It is a difference of temperament that sets the Princesses apart. Princess Margaret is of a lively, mercurial disposition, high-spirited and gay, more impulsive, perhaps, than her sister, but with the same naturalness, the same absence of affectation, which is more than half the secret of the agreeable impression she makes upon those who meet her in public—occasions which in the past 12 months have become more and more frequent.

Princess Margaret had scarcely turned 15 when in September, 1945, she made her first appearance alone and in her own right at a public function. This was at a youth rally near Aberdeen, Scotland, when, with only the sketchiest preparation for the task, she deputised at the last moment for her sister, who had been thrown from her horse while riding at Balmoral.

The young Princess was to wait for another two years before her parents felt she was old enough to be entrusted with her first public engagement of real consequence—her visit to Belfast, in Northern Ireland, to launch the ship, Edinburgh Castle. It was on this occasion that she delighted everyone with one of those graceful little gestures of which she seems to have the secret. It will be a long time before Belfast forgets that delightful

moment when the Princess, on being presented with the usual bouquet by the youngest apprentice in the yard, plucked from it a rose and gave it to the boy, who stood there with the flower in his hand as if enchanted.

Important Engagements

Since then the Princess has undertaken a number of important engagements, as when in March, 1947, she accepted the Freedom of the city of Glasgow on behalf of the Highland Light Infantry, of which regiment King George has appointed her Colonel-in-Chief. She has also in the past year become the President or Patron of several societies and institutions, such as Dr Barnardo's Helpers' League and the Union of Girls' Schools for Social Service. Only recently she made her first appearance as Commandant-in-Chief of the St John Ambulance Brigade Cadets.

Like Princess Elizabeth before her, Princess Margaret has learned a great deal from the opportunities she has had of accompanying her father and mother on public occasions. In addition, in setting out upon her public life she has enjoyed an inestimable advantage her sister never had—the chance which the tour of the Union of South Africa gave her to accumulate an almost inexhaustible series of new experiences and impressions. Nothing could have been more valuable to her. Their travels in the Union of South Africa did a great deal for Princess Elizabeth; it certainly did no less for Princess Margaret. It gave her confidence and poise. It encouraged in her all those qualities which enabled her last September to support with so much credit the duty of representing the King and Queen at the inauguration of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. (This was, indeed, a formidable responsibility for a girl just 18 to undertake.) The manner in which the Princess comported herself at the Hague was a triumph of youthful grace and completely captured the affection of the Dutch, who, by their reputation of being an undemonstrative people, not easily moved, took her to their hearts.

Evening In Spring



Ann Bodowsky

By PRUNELLA WOOD

THE individual appearing print silk frock is not easy to find, which is why a great many well-dressed women skip such styles in their wardrobes. Here is a model, however, which is as distinctive as it is chic, as pretty as it can be, besides, and geared for the formal afternoon which goes on into the evening, the most neglected fashion phase in American designer series.

The wedding guest, for instance, who attends the four o'clock ceremony, will utter glad cries about this rosy red silk, printed with huge white blossoms etched with black, made with a polonaise drape below the knees, with a deep, wide cutout neckline, with sleeves apt for opera-length gloves.

What Make-Up Can Do for You



Patricia Neal, of the movies, uses a good cake foundation to give her skin winter protection.

By HELEN FOLLETT

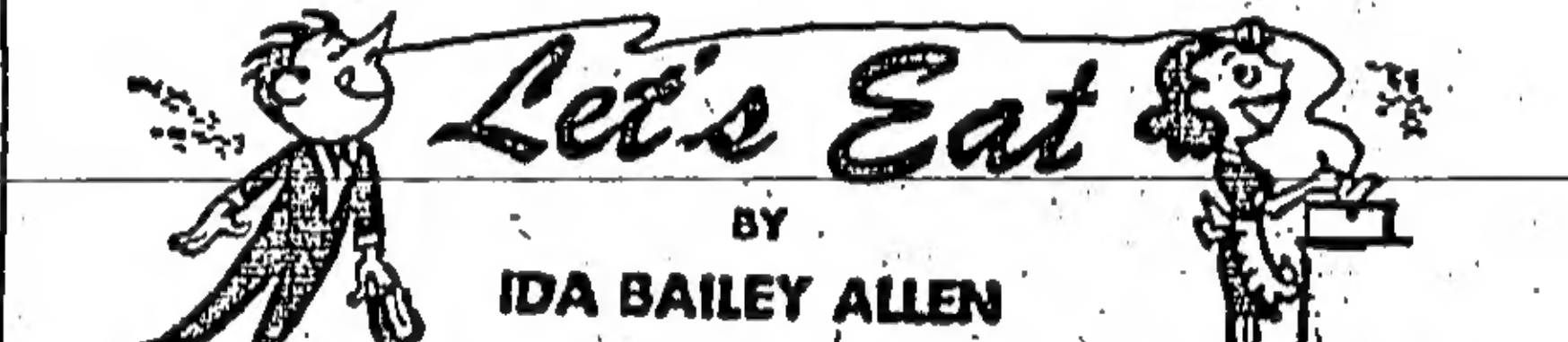
MAKE-UP continues to be a good looker's necessity. Without it, the feminine face does not carry its cosmetic grooming. Every year, it subsides, to a certain extent. Powders are of more delicate tints, rouge goes lighter, lipstick more like natural colouring. When the synthetic complexion first became a privilege, women went a bit wild, enjoying this new freedom. The results were pretty dreadful on some girls. Rouge in apple-red lipstick brilliant; used too lavishly!

The well-dressed woman, whose desire it is to appear distinguished and "different" from everyone, knows precisely how she should use her beauty props. Perhaps she has learned some tricks from her beauty operator whose business it is to paint facial scenery after the manipulations with the massage cream. At any rate you may be sure that the make-up effects are very subtle.

Eye make-up that has attained prestige for evening wear is toned down to the faintest of shadows on the eyelids and the barest touch of dark brown mascara on the winkers. Too much sounds a false note; a light touch provides finish, gives accent to the eyes.

Start with a foundation cosmetic. Then your powder will stay by you. Not only that, but if the north winds blow, the foundation will act as a barrier against the elements that dry the skin surface, bring about a chapped condition. A powder with an oily base is desirable for winter weather.

At this season, blondes will select powders with more gold in them and less pink. Brunettes may prefer a blend of rachelite and flesh that is particularly becoming if the skin carries a little natural colouring on the cheeks.



Does the Milk Bill Run High?

IT'S the milk bill that upsets many a good budget. That quart of fresh milk a day for each youngster and at least a half pint a day for each grown-up, soon amounts into dollars.

What to do? Cut down on the milk? Cut down on meat, poultry and eggs? Cut down on fresh fruits and vegetables?

None of these ideas are good, for milk is needed especially for its body building protein; its vitamins and minerals, particularly calcium, which builds strong bony structure and teeth in children, aids growth, influences heart action, and prevents brittle bones in adults. No, we can't cut down on milk. Neither should we use less meat, poultry and eggs—they are the most important building protein foods. As to doing with fewer fresh fruits and vegetables—that's not advisable. We need their tonic vitamins, minerals, and the helpful bulk without which the digestive system cannot adequately function.

A Blind Alley
Apparently we are up a blind alley; some of us can't afford as much fresh milk as we need, and yet we can't do without it.

But there is a solution. If the bill for fresh milk is too steep for your budget, get acquainted with evaporated milk, and dry whole, or skim milk. Some of the most eminent pediatricians specify evaporated or dried milk in feeding formulas for babies. Use each in its place, and nutrition will be kept up, while the fresh milk bill goes down.

Evaporated Milk

This is milk sterilized, homogenized (that is broken up into infinitesimal particles that are evenly distributed), and from which 60% of the water content has been removed by evaporation. By adding an equal amount of water to evaporated milk the equivalent of rich fresh whole milk is obtained. When irradiated, the milk becomes an important source of Vitamin D. It may be used in place of fresh milk in all forms of cooking. It also is good in milk shakes, egg-nogs and in combination with 1/4 the quantity of fruit juice. Undiluted it can be used in place of light cream in soups, sweet or savoury sauces. It can be whipped in place of heavy cream. Half and half with water and scalded, it combines with strong coffee in cafe au lait.

Dry Milk

This comes in two forms, whole dry milk and skimmed dry milk, both pasteurized. Four tbsps. whole dry milk, added to 1 cup cold water, equal 1 cup fresh whole milk. Four tbsps. dry skimmed milk, added to 1 cup cold water, equal 1 cup skimmed fresh milk.

as fresh milk, so heat it in a double-boiler. As dry milk absorbs moisture when exposed to air, becomes lumpy, and its flavour changes, keep it tightly covered, and refrigerated.

Use reconstituted dry whole milk in any way that fresh whole fluid milk is used. Dry skim milk differs from dry whole milk in that the fat and vitamin A have been removed; but the valuable protein, minerals and vitamin B are present. When using dry skim milk in place of fresh milk, add a little butter or fortified margarine to replace the fat and vitamin A.

Evaporated milk is plentiful and inexpensive. The slight cooked flavour present in some forms, is covered by the seasonings or flavourings used with it.

Dry skim milk is on sale everywhere. It has no cooked flavour and costs only about a third as much when reconstituted, as fresh milk.

Learn to use them with intelligence and both budget and nutrition problems are solved whenever they concern milk.

Dinner
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Roast Leg of Lamb
Rolled Shoulder of Lamb
Potato Pudding Minted Carrots
Cole Slaw with Green Peppers
Orange-Sponge Custard Pie
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four.

Potato Pudding
Peel 6 medium-sized potatoes and cut into small dice. Cover with boiling salted water. Boil rapidly for 8 min., then drain. Beat 3 eggs until very light. Add 2 tbsps. melted margarine or bacon fat, 3/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 1/2 tsp. onion salt, 1 tbsps. fine-minced celery and 1 tbsps. minced parsley. Stir in 1/3 c. sweet or sour cream or undiluted evaporated milk and 1/2 c. milk (fresh, evaporated, or reconstituted dry skim milk). Transfer to a round, fire-proof baking dish about 6" in diameter which has been very well rubbed with margarine. Place in a pan; pour in hot water to the depth of half the dish, and bake about 45 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F.

Orange-Sponge-Custard Pie
Make 1 recipe plectruss, or use a mix. Roll to 1/4" thickness, and with it line a rather deep 8" pie plate. Pour in the orange sponge-custard filling. Bake in a hot oven, 400° F., 20 min., to set the crust; then reduce the heat to 375° F. and bake 25 min. longer.

Orange-Sponge-Custard Filling: Into a bowl measure 2 tbsps. flour, 1/4 c. sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, the grated rind of 1 orange, and 2 tbsps. softened butter or margarine. Separate 2 eggs; add the yolks to the first mixture with 1/2 c. orange juice. Beat hard until well mixed with a hand beater. Mix in 1 c. fresh milk, or use diluted evaporated milk, or reconstituted dry milk. Beat and fold in the egg whites. Pour into the crust-lined plate and bake as directed.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



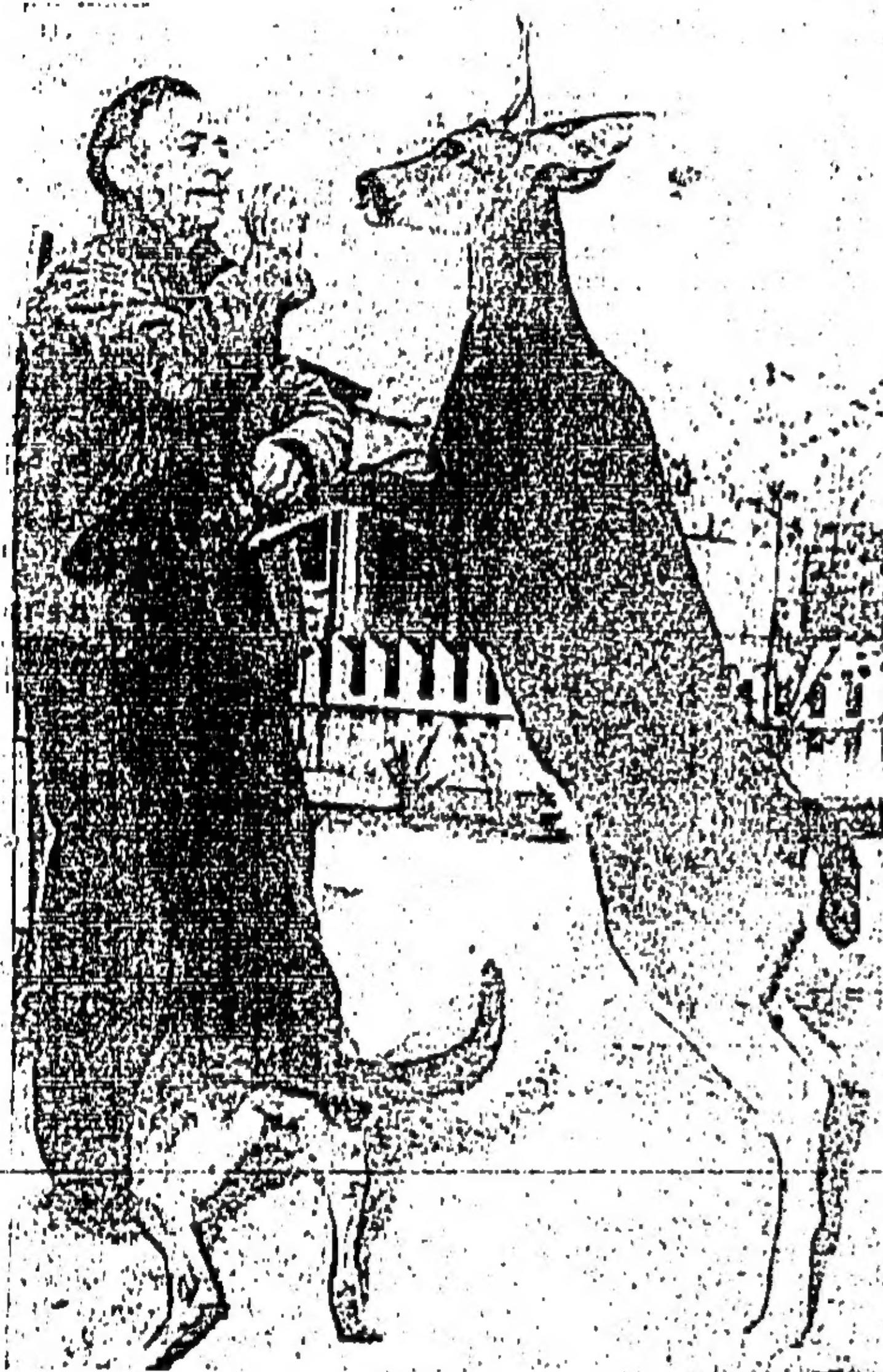
NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM—The location of a London fire is spotted on the wall while a man checks rotary files in the foreground. Abolishing fire boxes on city streets, the English capital is using telephones to receive calls and send equipment to blazes. It is hoped that the new system, replacing the one established in 1880, will cut down on malicious false alarms.



LENSMEN'S FRIEND—Easy-to-look-at actress Lola Albright poses in New York for a preview of the annual New York Press Photographers' ball. Snapping her should be easy on the eyes.



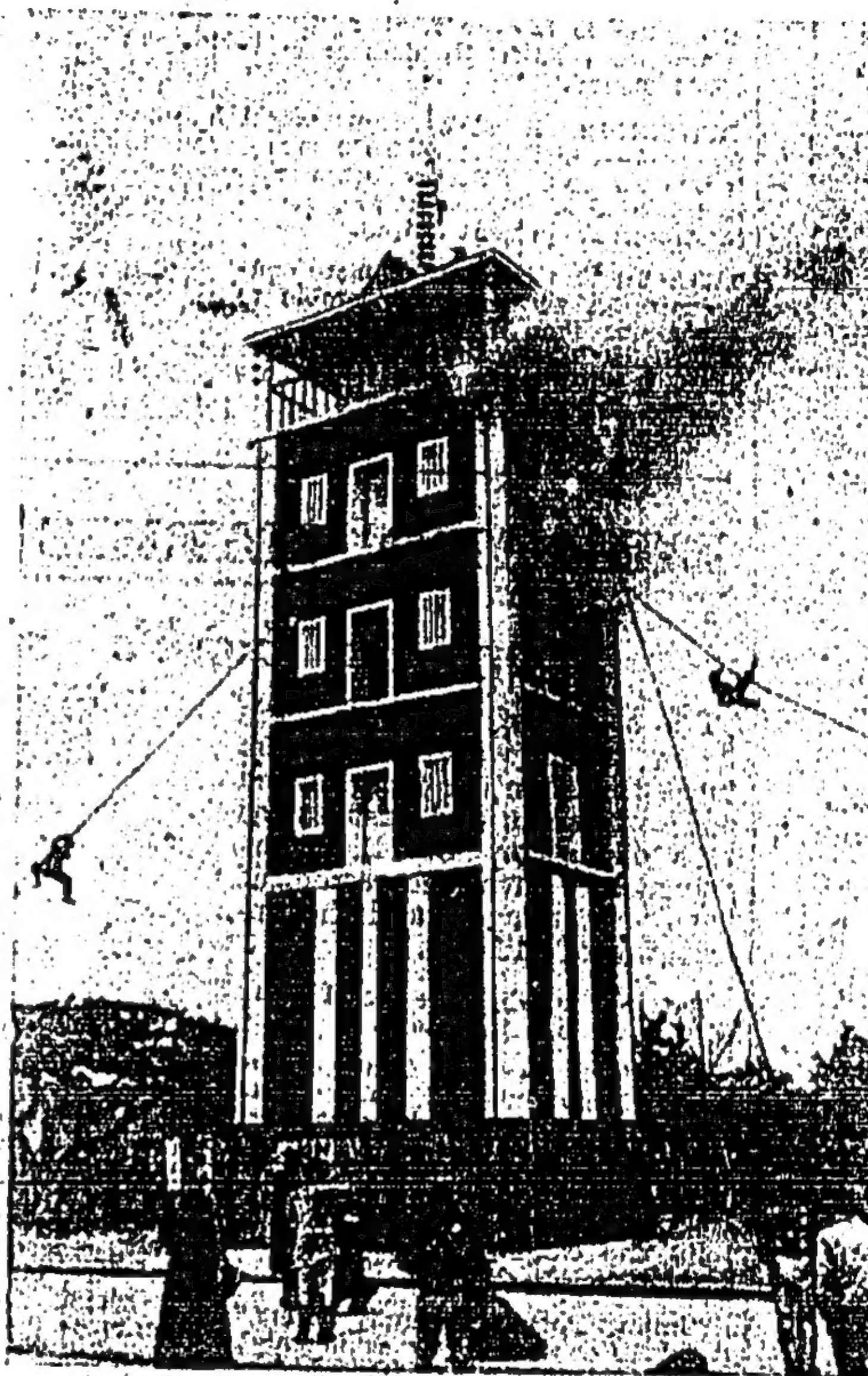
DOWNED IN ISRAEL—An Israeli Army liaison officer, right, and two UN observers inspect a British plane shot down by Israeli fighters in their territory near the Egyptian border.



OUTGREW HIS FREEDOM—While his dog King tries to steal the act, Ralph Coundouris plays with his pet mule deer, Andy, in Long Beach, California. Becoming big and rough, the sharp-hoofed animal which he found alongside its dead mother has been given to the Griffith Park Zoo in Los Angeles.



TIME OUT FOR FUN—Dick Powell and his lovely wife, June Allyson, enjoy a winter holiday at snow-covered Sun Valley, Idaho. June says she looks more like a skier when she wears goggles.



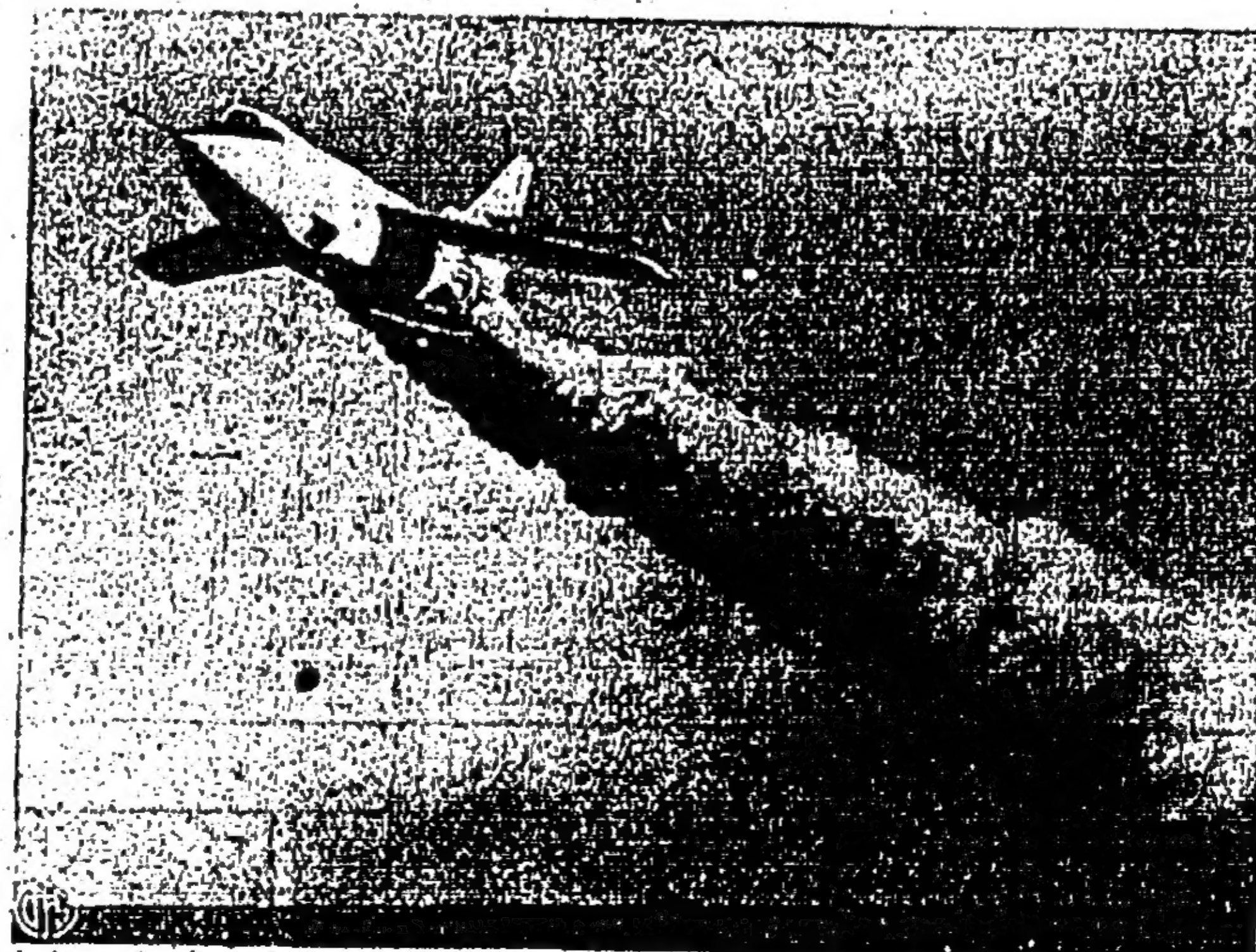
TRAINED PERFORMERS—Firemen demonstrate with ease and agility at the annual city of Tokyo fire brigade review at the Imperial Palace Plaza in Japan. Under the supervision of the Metropolitan Fire Board, 4881 men and 91 vehicles took part in the exercises before Japanese and occupation personnel. Daring acrobatics climaxed the exhibition.



MYSTERY SCENT—Ann St Clair pours perfume into the water at actor George Raft's desert retreat in Palm Springs, California. Each week the guest identifying the new perfume wins a prize.



IT'S ALL IN PROPER BRINGING UP—Ambrose, three-year-old cat owned by John Peterson of Evanston, Illinois, shows no hostility towards his three feathered friends. Peterson trained the cat, while still a kitten, to eat with the pigeons, and ever since they've been inseparable companions.



WATCH MY SMOKE!—A United States Navy jet and rocket-powered Skyrocket zooms skyward after a take-off at Muroc test base, in California, using JATO bottles experimentally to decrease its take-off run. After dropping the JATO bottles, the Skyrocket will continue the flight under its own jet and/or rocket power.

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The Price of Power

RUSSIA will not fight the United States — **BECAUSE** she will not have the industrial capacity for at least 25 years, possibly for half-a-century.

AMERICA is unlikely to start a "preventive" war on the Soviet Union — **BECAUSE** of material and psychological reasons.

THESE are the opinions of a high-level group of American diplomats, scientists, and military experts whose report of a two-year strategic study has just been published in London by the Royal Institute of International Affairs ("The Price of Power," Harper Bros., 18s.).

But Communists have a no-holds-barred approach to diplomacy. So in spite of the prediction America must push on to achieve the only safeguard in an age of atom bombs and Transatlantic missiles — the ability to return an attack with interest.

The report — written up by military commentator Hanson W. Baldwin — lists five major reasons for discounting the likelihood of a Russian attack:

ONE: Russia is even further behind America industrially than generally believed.

EVIDENCE: Russia's steel target for 1950 — which is 25,400,000 tons — is far less than U.S. production was in 1913 and is only about 40 percent of America's present output.

TWO: Russian industry is more concentrated and more vulnerable to bombing than U.S. industry.

EVIDENCE: Soviet blast furnaces and other metal-processing plants are massed in three areas.

THREE: Russian railways are sparse and further weakened by bottle-necks which are easy bomb targets.

EVIDENCE: The total rail mileage in Russia is about 60,000, compared with America's 230,000.

FOUR: The Russians could not possibly make enough atom bombs for global war before 1970.

EVIDENCE: Russia has no available sources of high-grade uranium and is short of atom scientists and equipment.

FIVE: America has a clear lead in the other vital fields of war research.

EVIDENCE: Reports show that she is more advanced in aviation, guided missiles, germ warfare, poison gases, and fast submarine development.

BY CHAPMAN PINCHER

The report supports this evidence with the conclusion: "Victory in modern war is no longer won by the big battalions, but by the big factories, backed by the big laboratories."

The strategists are confident that America can keep the whiphand in the "know-how" of making modern arms. But they admit that the "know-when" — the initiative of triggering-off a war — must remain with Russia. And this is why:

It would be impossible, they say, to "sell" the American people on the need for a preventive war. The U.S. still possesses what other nations have destroyed — a great middle class which, with its sound conservatism, has a natural repugnance for extremes.

So much for America's psychological reasons for not being able to start a war. But, in spite of today's impressive report that America's atomic project is "really rolling now," she is NOT, in my view, ready for atomic war. And could not be ready for many years.

Where does Britain stand in this East-West tug-of-war? America's team of experts give a clear-cut answer:

Britain is permanently tied to Uncle Sam's coat-tails whether she likes it or not. Because — say the strategists — the Empire is now almost completely dependent on American sea-air power for protection.

The price they say Britain must pay for this protection is to serve as America's foothold in Europe "for the application of U.S. military power."

Britain, it is pointed out, is not altogether an ideal ally. The report lists these serious objections to our friendship:

GEOGRAPHICALLY, Britain is the world's easiest target for atomic air attack and blockade by super-submarines.

ECONOMICALLY, she is threatened by "the loosening bonds of the Empire and the growing industrialisation of the rest of the world."

POLITICALLY, she is sick. "To cure her economic ills she is imposing more and more controls — always a doubtful and dangerous expedient."

MILITARILY, Britain "cannot afford the insurance of a large navy, army and air force."

Like many Americans, these strategists have the Errol Flynn complex which glosses over the advantages of Britain as an ally. For example, they appear to believe that U.S. scientists, single-handed, invented such innovations as the radio-proximity fuse.

It was, of course, a British device — the answer to the V.I. bomb.

But there is criticism, too, of American intelligence, which, they say, has fallen off since 1945. And of the U.S. soldier, of whom they say:

"We did not have the stomach for fighting possessed by our enemies and many of the Russians."

The strategists write off the United Nations as a means of getting safe control of atomic weapons.

They say that to try to organise international control of all the weapons of mass destruction is just chasing shadows.

For, even with Stalin's agreement, it would be physically impossible to inspect every Russian factory and laboratory capable of making germ bombs. And anyway, America has no up-to-date maps of Russia!

BERNARD HARRIS

reports a bank's view on the secret of— HOW TO BE HAPPILY MARRIED

IT is a sign of the times when one of the world's big banks turns its attention from money and overdrafts and cash ratios to a discussion of the permanence of love, the secrets of happy marriage, and the upbringing of children.

But this is what the Royal Bank of Canada has just done.

It believes that the family is the most important of all social institutions, and must be preserved.

So it has set its researchers inquiring into the strains and stresses which are impairing family relationships and causing some families to break up.

"Improvement of family living," it says, "is not merely sentimental. It is a necessity for the smooth-running community, the sound nation, and the vitality of democracy."

The bank's investigators agree that one of the reasons for family discord is the "fostering of romantic dreams by movies, radio, magazines, advertisements, and newspaper strips."

They point out that in Canada, as in other countries, many hasty, ill-considered marriages were entered into during the war, "and the parties are now living above their emotional income."

They approve a Canadian poll of public opinion which gave romance a low rating as the most important quality in marriage.

While the Royal Bank was pursuing its inquiries, a Government-sponsored investigation was going on in Britain which throws a good deal of light on these causes of family difficulties.

These investigators report that almost one household in four in Britain is overcrowded. In Scotland the proportion is as high as one in two. Overcrowding they define as having more than one person per room.

As for amenities, they find that nearly half the households in Britain have no piped hot water supply. Only one in three has a piped supply to sink, bath, and handbasin.

And households without either gas or electricity? One in every eight is in this condition.

The bank, which is run by many self-made men, comments on the prevailing fashion to laugh at banks like Samuel Smiles' "Self-Help." But it points out that the heroes of these works won what they worked for.

"Today's easy life is pictured as being reached by smartness or outwitting other people, or leaning on social security provided by parents or the Government."

Unable to resist an occasional banking term, the Royal Bank discusses one of the symptoms of family breakdown — the "devaluation of parents."

In the old days the beliefs and attitudes which a boy learned from his father would serve him almost through life.

But not now. Today hardly any aspect of family life is safe from criticism.

Things which may cause domestic discord include the size of the home and its amenities, mother's qualities as a homemaker, father's ability as a bread-winner.

The inquiry shows that only six in every 100 are able to do so. Of those who do have help, 20 percent have help for four hours or less per week, 42 percent live to 12 hours, and the rest more than 12 hours.

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On father's ability as a bread-winner, the Government inquiry finds that the biggest households in Britain are those in which the chief wage-earner brings home between £4 and £5 10s. a week.

Almost one in three of households with this income consists of five or more persons. The proportion is only one in four where the chief wage-earner makes £10 a week or more.

Thus the inquiry confirms the widely held belief that the number of children declines as the family income goes up.

Another frequent cause of family upsets is young married couples "living with mother."

EVERY THING COUNTS

THANKS to the inquiry, we now learn that one household in 12 in Britain has one or more married or "in-law" children in it.

Almost as many have one or more boarders. But only one in a hundred has a domestic servant.

And as for mother's qualities as a homemaker, how many can afford part-time help?

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Just as America announces that she has more and better atom bombs, a report which makes war seem less imminent has been published in Britain. It examines the hopeful signs, and gives the answer to why America is still prepared to pay the price of power.



WHAT HAPPENED IN RED-TAPED BRITAIN TO

A girl who wanted a job

by JOHN PREBBLE

THIS is the extraordinary story of Sarah Alterkovsky, aged 27, of Nottingham.

For engaging her as a 25-a-week shorthand-typist without the consent of the Ministry of Labour the Eagle Star Insurance Company, Limited, and its Nottingham manager, were each fined 10 guineas and 10 guineas costs.

So Sarah Alterkovsky, still puzzled by it all, goes on record as the subject of the first prosecution under the Control of Engagements Order, which came into force in 1947.

Her story begins 11 months ago, when she went to Britain after four years as an Admiralty clerk in Egypt.

Russian-born, she became a British citizen when her father was naturalised.

She joined her parents in Liverpool in March last year. After two months, "a little lost and keen to work," she went to Nottingham, where she has friends, and began to answer advertisements.

She also went to the Appointments Office, who advised her to go to the Labour Exchange.

Just then she received the one and only reply to her twenty letters of application. It was from the Eagle Star Insurance Company, Limited.

A STRANGE WEEK

That was Thursday, May 20. Then began a strange week, the events of which were to become the subject of much legal argument in Nottingham's Guildhall.

On the Friday she saw the chief clerk of the company. On the Saturday she saw Mr George de Gruchy, the manager.

He found her satisfactory, but told her she must first see "the people in Castle Boulevard," the Labour Exchange. She went there and was told she could not take the post.

On the Monday she saw Mr E. V. Norton, chief accountant of the insurance company. He explained the position to her.

"So I knew it was finished," says Sarah.

NOT ENGAGED

Since she had to have work, she went to the Labour Exchange.

They sent her to a firm of motor engineers. The manager found Sarah "very lady-like," but doubted whether she would learn the technical terms in time.

The second place to which she was sent was a baby clinic. They did not take her there either.

Back she went to the Appointments Office to be told once more that although they had not found her a job she still could not work for the Eagle Star. Meanwhile Mr de Gruchy, not being allowed the services of Sarah, asked the exchange for a shorthand-typist. They sent him one who was unsuitable.

On the Wednesday a telegram arrived for Sarah asking her to call at the Eagle Star. When she went she was offered the job. Mr de Gruchy said he would take responsibility.

Not accepted, and started her first job in England on Thursday, May 27.

Mr de Gruchy asked the exchange if he might employ her on a temporary basis, but was informed that he could not "in view of the demands of higher national importance."

There the matter rested for a week, with Sarah working behind her typewriter at Eagle Star, officials of which found her willing to learn and intelligent.

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They were seen by Miss M. Simons, senior woman officer, who pointed out that Sarah had failed to notify them that she was employed. Nonetheless she received her cards.

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POLICEMAN CALLS

She got none of the jobs and was sent to no more. In the five months that Sarah found herself in the centre of this trouble she was sent to five employers only.

In August a policeman called on her and subpoenaed her to appear as witness in the case which the Ministry of Labour was bringing against her employers.

In court, Mr de Gruchy admitted that he knew it was a breach of the Order to employ a person not sent to him by the exchange.

It was suggested by Miss Simons — "a regrettable suggestion," counsel called it — that Sarah had not done her best at interviews with other employers.

Eagle Star and Mr de Gruchy were fined.

But Sarah is still working for the insurance company.

Colonel J. B. Andrus, secretary of the company, said: "The Ministry failed completely to find her work. I find she has been doing a temporary job with us she would have been out of work."

There is a footnote to this story. The National Joint Advisory Council recently recommended that the Government should extend the direction of labour for another year.

NANCY Alert Squirt



When there's biff
I needn't use my fist!



Mixed Marriage "Will Ultimately Be Universal"

BRITAIN'S MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL'S FORECAST

London, Feb. 17.—Britain's State-sponsored National Marriage Guidance Council forecast today that the future will bring widespread and ultimately universal inter-marriage between peoples of all colours.

"Miscegenation, far from being a crime, will help to usher in the true brotherhood of man," the Council declared in its monthly bulletin.

Atlantic Pact:

US Policy No Mystery, Says Truman

Washington, Feb. 17.—President Truman today reaffirmed his faith in the proposed North Atlantic security pact and said he still adhered to the views about the pact set out in his inaugural message on January 20.

Mr. Truman told his weekly press conference that there was nothing mysterious about the Atlantic Pact and that the United States policy had been clearly expressed by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, yesterday.

The President was understood to have referred to a passage in his inaugural message in which he said that the best deterrent to aggression was to make sure that effective counter-measures would be taken immediately against violators of the peace.

President Truman made it clear today that he still thought the United States, with the other North Atlantic powers, could (in the words of his inaugural address) "provide unmistakable proof of the joint determination of free countries to resist an armed attack from any quarter."

Mr. Truman said Mr. Acheson had issued yesterday's statement after consultations with him. This was the prepared statement in which the Secretary of State said that there were "no real differences in regard to the objectives which this Government is seeking to accomplish" through the North Atlantic Pact—Reuter.

TOC H CONCERT THIS EVENING

Every member of the T. H. C. Boys' Club in Wanchai has recently been fitted with a new pair of overalls and to help to raise money to cover the cost of these a concert of light classical music is being held at Talbot House (ToC H), 50, Macdonnell Road, at 8.30 this evening.

The programme will include: "Marriage of Figaro" Overture—Mozart; Hungarian Fantasia—Liszt; Sonata Pathétique—Beethoven; "The Voice of Spring" (sung by Lily Pons)—Strauss; "Sylvia" Ballet Music—Debussy; "Mam' zelle Angot" Ballet Suite—Lecocq.

The records are kindly loaned by Mr. A. Chan and Mr. V. O. Jackson. A collection will be made.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Sure I love to be mother's little helper, but a plumber's helper gets time and a half for overtime and has another helper!"

Mitchum And Lila Leeds Sentenced



This was the scene in Los Angeles court a moment after Superior Judge Clement D. Nye sentenced Movie Star Robert Mitchum and Actress Lila Leeds to 60 days in gaol on charges of conspiracy to possess marijuana cigarettes. Mitchum (second from right) turns with a quizzical expression to his attorney, Jerry Giesler (right) whose face seems to mirror disbelief at the sentence. Miss Leeds (left) seems astonished. Her attorney, Grant Cooper, is between her and Mitchum.—AP Picture.

Norwegian Defence Cuts Criticised

Oslo, Feb. 17.—Norway's Service chiefs have uttered serious warnings against cuts in their estimates for 1949-50, it was disclosed in defence budget details published today.

The Service chiefs had proposed more than 300 million kroner (£15,450,000) plus an extraordinary preparedness grant of 75 million kroner, it appeared, from today's figures.

But, as published earlier, the total defence budget has been set at 250 million kroner (£12½ million) plus the preparedness grant. A report with the Navy Command's estimates said naval "preparedness" was still very weak and there was a serious shortage of technically trained men.

"Any reduction in the present state of armament would weaken our defence," it said. "We give a serious warning against any reduction in our proposal," it said.

The coastal artillery commander wrote: "Even with the extraordinary grant for most urgent needs, the coastal artillery's preparedness is, in my opinion, not as it should be."

He called urgently for more trained staff to handle complicated modern equipment. The Conservative daily, Aftenposten, commenting today on the military chiefs' "alarming comments," said "We can never defend ourselves alone—our nation is too small and our land too big."

"But our moral right to ask others to help us must be based on the condition that we ourselves do all in our power to solve the problem. For the sake of our consciences and our national reputation, we cannot give anyone a chance to say we are letting others bear burdens that we could carry ourselves."—Reuter.

Arctic Test Abandoned

Aboard HMS Vengeance with R. N. Arctic Force, Feb. 17.—Lieutenant Commander Boyd Martin last night gave up his planned six-day "exposure test" after almost three gruelling days perched on a gun platform pretending to be a lonely airman brought down on an ice floe.

He was testing a special airman's protection suit designed by himself and was living on normal six-day emergency rations.

He gave up the attempt after his small tent made from a parachute had been swept away during a gale. Commander Martin said: "I have proved my emergency suits flawless. Until the sleeping bag caved in I was so warm that I slept merely in underclothes."—Reuter.

Banishoo Arraigned

Twice-banished from the Colony for life and now serving a term for burglary and housebreaking, Ng Yiu was arraigned before Mr. Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning for breach of deportation order. Sentence of two years was passed, to begin at the expiry of his present term.

Russia's Surprise Move Over Trieste

Lake Success, Feb. 17.—The Soviet Union in a surprise move today told the Security Council that it approved the nomination of Colonel Herman Fluechiger, former Swiss Minister in Moscow, as candidate for the Governorship of Trieste.

Britain originally proposed Colonel Fluechiger for the post only to have Russia reject him.

Mr. Jacob Malik made his unexpected announcement today after a speech in which he accused the United States and Britain of deliberately deadlocking on the choice of a Governor.

Their reasons for holding up the appointment of a Governor were to continue indefinitely the occupation of Trieste by Anglo-American troops, he said.

Mr. Warren Austin, the United States delegate countered that the Yugoslav Zone of Trieste had been "completely transformed in character and virtually incorporated into the Yugoslav police state so as to make an independent and democratic status for the Territory impossible."

Last March, the United States, Britain and France had proposed to Russia to revise the Italian peace treaty and hand back Trieste to Italy, Mr. Austin said.

"In view of this situation, it is our opinion that a discussion in the Security Council of the Governorship of Trieste would not serve any constructive purpose, pending a settlement of the question through diplomatic negotiations with the other powers concerned."—Reuter.

First Visit Of New Naval C-in-C

The new Commander-in-Chief Far East Station, Vice-Adm. E. J. Patrick Brind KCB, CBE, arrived this morning on his first visit to the Colony since taking up his appointment.

Just before 11 o'clock, to the strains of Rule Britannia, played by the band of HMS London, the Admiral was piped over the side of the cruiser into his barge, which took him to Queen's Pier, where he was met by Commodore C. L. Robertson. As he stepped ashore a bugler from the Guard of Honour drew up in the road by the pier sounded the Alert.

After taking the salute, while the Band of the Royal Marines played Rule Britannia, Admiral Brind inspected the Guard, which was made up of ratings from HM ships Tamar, Dampier and Alacrity.

After the inspection he was driven to Government House to make his official call on HE the Governor.

Seven Years For Robbery

"This is a very serious crime and therefore I must pass a heavy sentence on you," said Mr. Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning when he sentenced Man Kan, alias Man Tang, 20, to seven years and 12 strokes of the cane. Man pleaded guilty to robbery by two or more on the first floor of 24 Boundary Street on the morning of January 7.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Di-Sub-Judge C. Downman.

Mr. Hooton said the robbery was committed by three men, two of whom were armed with pistols. After gaining admission to the floor they herded all the inmates into a cubicle and escaped with jewellery and about \$420 in money.

The accused's part in the crime appeared to have been to stand guard over the cubicle with a pistol. The following day the complainant went with a party of Police to search a bus and he pointed out the accused. The two pistols were left in the house and one was found to be in working order.

DISCONTINUANCE OF COMIC STRIP

It has been found necessary, unfortunately, to discontinue the new Page 5 mystery strip, "Doc Rafferty," which started in the Telegraph this week, owing to the illness of the artist. If it is possible to resume the strip in the future, this will be done.

NT Hold Up Recalled

The daring hold-up on Clear Water Bay Road on January 9 when Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ballantine were robbed while walking was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Sit Ting, 22, and Lin Tin, 32, pleaded guilty before Mr. Justice Williams to robbery by two or more.

A charge of stealing a handbag from Mrs. C. Nicholson, 47, against Sit Ting was withdrawn, the Crown offering no evidence.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballantine were robbed of \$40, a silver cigarette case, a combined lighter and pocket pencil, wrist-watch, blue pullover, gold wedding ring, platinum and diamond ring and enamel brooch.

Sit Ting, from the dock, pleaded for leniency, saying that before the case he had been a farmer in the country and had never done anything wrong. Lau also asked for leniency.

The accused were sentenced to six years' hard labour, and ten strokes of the cane.

For the prosecution, Mr. A. Hooton (Crown Counsel) said that while Mr. and Mrs. Ballantine were walking along the road three men appeared from the undergrowth wearing hooded cloaks, over the lower part of their faces. First accused had a gun and he kept guard while the other two did the searching.

Following their arrest, Mrs. Ballantine, who speaks Cantonese, identified both accused and Mr. Ballantine identified the first man.

OUTWARD MAILS

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Bangkok, 10 a.m.

Straits and Hongkong, Noon.
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Fochow and Amoy, 3 p.m.
Tientsin via Canton, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Closing Times By Air:
Swatow and Amoy, 9.30 a.m. (reg); 9 a.m. (ord).
Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).
Manila, 11.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin, Chungking and Taipei, 3.30 p.m.

Bangkok, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea:
Haiti, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, 10 a.m.
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Armed Police Guard Airfield

Bombay, Feb. 17.—Armed police tonight mounted guard around Ban- in Cruz airport near when workers of Air India, Limited, went on strike at midnight.

The decision to strike had been taken earlier by the Union representing 3,000 subordinate employees of the airline, and punctually at midnight the workers left their posts.

The strike—for a 40-hour week, revision of pay grades and increased cost of living allowances—is the first of its kind to paralyse the network of India's internal air services.

Pilots, ground engineers and traffic executives are not affected. The strike was officially described as illegal under the Bombay law. —Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

6 Programme Summary: 4.01, Composer Cavalotti; Geoffrey Hamlyn, Vocal & Orchestral (ORNS); 6.30, Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and K. K. Lee (Studio); 6.50, Joe Daniels and The Hot Shots; 7, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, Sporting Preview (Studio); 7.30, Variety Band Box From the Golden Green Hippodrome, London (BBC); 8, From the Editor's "London Relay"; 8.15, "The Man born to be King" by Dorothy L. Sayers, 8th Play; "The King's Supper" (BBC); 8.30, Music from the Films: 9.15, A Story; "Here comes the Copper" by Henry Wade, Read by Clifford Davies (Studio); 9.35, A Story; 10, Radio News Service (London Relay); 10.15, A Max Beerbohm Story (London Relay); "Not that I would boast" Adapted for Radio by Christopher Sykes, Max Beerbohm played by James MacCallister; 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

London, Feb. 17.—Nothing is known in British Court circles of a plan, reported in the United States for King George to visit Malta in the near future for convalescence, it was learned tonight.—Reuter.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET

High Scores Likely At Chater Road

By "RECORDER"

The big match of the Cricket League programme tomorrow will be at Chater Road where the Optimists are at home to Recreio. This should be a high-scoring match and much will depend on who has second lease of the wicket.

Should the Optimists bat first, the chances are that Recreio will, at worst, play out time against bowling that is unlikely to run through Recreio's wickets. The Optimists' team for the match includes eight batsmen who are capable of reaching the fifties and of not taking too long over that.

Optimists are, in fact, turning out the strongest batting side they can muster. Recreio's chances of dismissing their hosts for anything under 150 runs are slim.

On the other hand, the Optimists are weakened in their bowling by the absence of McLellan. Mahon, though he did well on a matting wicket at Pokfulam last week, seldom touches his best form at Chater Road. There are also Smith, Wood, Rowe and Arthy, good bowlers on their day but hardly likely to upset the Recreio batting.

Recreio are unlikely to lose all ten wickets whether they bat first or second. If they bat first and declare, Optimists will have a chance of victory on first scoring from Oliver, Miller, Arthy, Howard & Co.

TRICKY FOR ARMY

Though Army appear to have a very easy match at Sookunpoo against Craighengower, I will not be surprised to see the same thing happen as did against IRC a fortnight ago.

Billmorin, Crabtree and Omar are as capable as Arcull and Minu of running cheaply through Army's

West Indians Held To Draw By Galle

Calle, Ceylon, Feb. 17.—F. C. de Saram, who gained his cricket blue at Oxford playing for the University in 1934 and 1935, was the only Galle batsman to stand up to the West Indies attack in the two-day match which ended today in a draw.

Although giving three chances, de Saram batted with supreme confidence for nearly two hours to score 73. He hit 12 fours.

The West Indies, declaring at their overnight total of 435 for 7, dismissed the Galle batsmen in the second day. Following on 201 runs behind, the home team hit up 60 for 4 in half an hour's breezy cricket.—Reuter.

Softball League Standings

SENIOR LEAGUE			
Team	Won	Lost	Per cent
Canadians	15	2	88.2
Saints	12	3	80.0
VIC	10	4	70.5
Madcaps	10	4	70.5
Khalisa	9	5	64.3
HKIC	8	7	53.8
Chung Hwa	6	10	37.5
Overseas	6	11	35.3
Philippines	5	12	29.4
Americans	3	14	18.2

BATTING AVERAGES			
Player	Runs	Wickets	Average
Erikson, V.R.C.	15	54	22.47
Gutierrez, Madcaps	12	3	40.0
Dick Silva, HKIC	12	30	33.9
S. Yeung, Saints	10	22	32.75
B. Buckle, Saints	10	15	40.0
Bakar, Canadians	14	51	35.3
Moody, Lur, HKIC	11	51	35.3
O. Perrella, V.R.C.	12	43	34.0
Bill Woo, Canucks	12	14	33.0
Rosa-Perrella, V.R.C.	11	33	33.0

The up-to-date standings in the three leagues are as follows:

JUNIOR LEAGUE			
Team	Won	Lost	Per cent
Braves	12	1	92.3
Jaguars	11	1	91.7
Mohawks	10	1	90.5
Blackhawks	9	2	81.8
Rexes	4	7	36.4
Blazers	3	8	27.3
Wildfires	3	10	23.1
Vikings	2	8	20.0

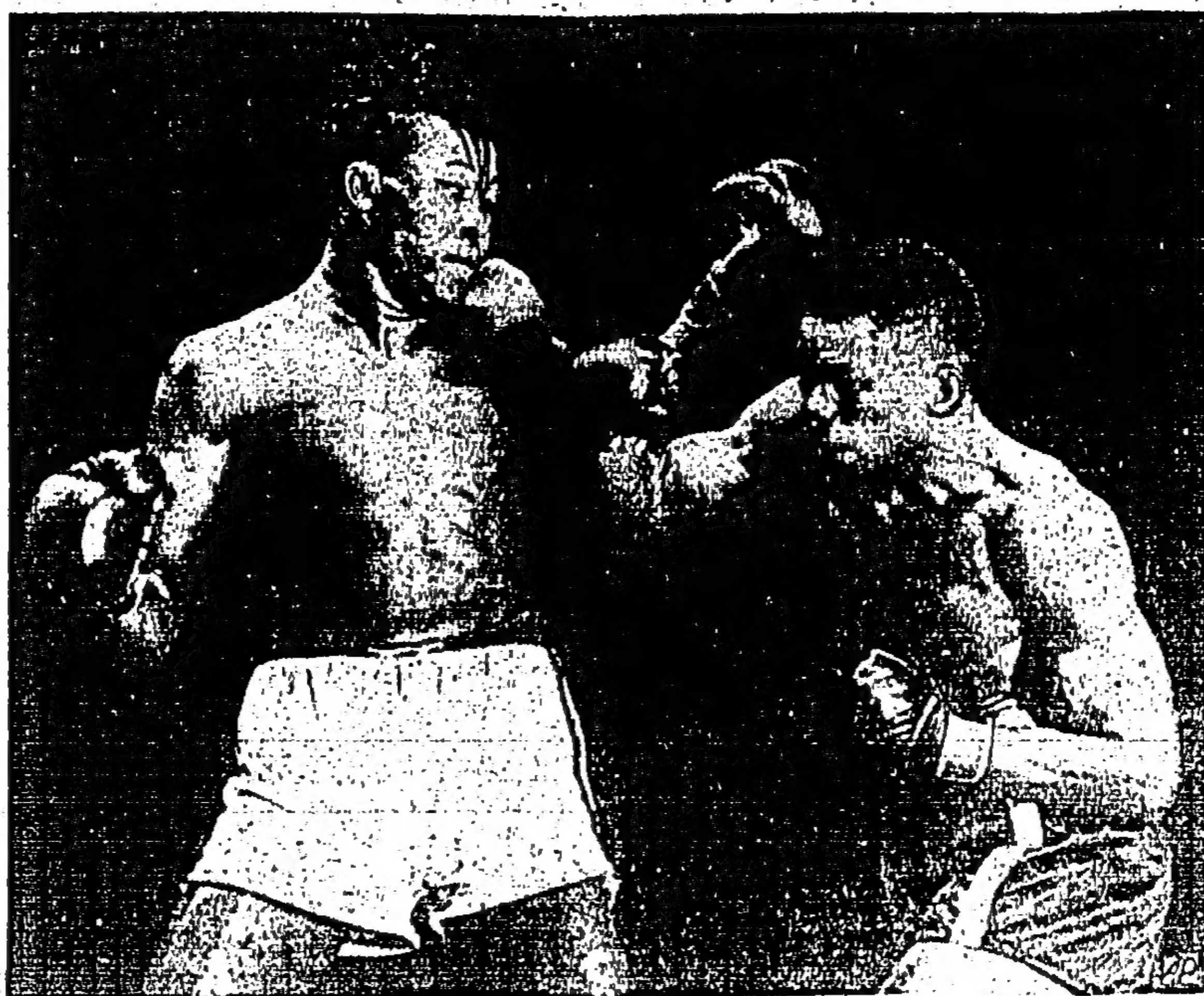
LADIES' LEAGUE			
Team	Won	Lost	Per cent
Wildcats	6	1	85.7
Wolves	5	2	71.4
Canadians	3	5	37.5
Pirates	0	6	0.0

WEEK-END GAMES

Sunday, at Recreio—10.30 a.m., HKIC v Saints (umpires, Chas. Figueiredo, Buster Holland, Reanne Sequeira, scorer, Philo Remedios). Noon, Overseas v Madcaps (umpires, Bill Abing, Edo Almeida, Avito Campos, scorer, Eddie Marques). At Chater Road, 2.30 p.m., Vikings v Rexes (umpires, Phil Remedios, Tony Kwok, U. Mose, scorer, Buster Holland). Following on 220 p.m., Jaguars v Mohawks (umpires, Herbie Quon, Bill Woo, "Tiger" Hussain).

Saturday, at Recreio—2.30 p.m., Rangers v Blackhawks (umpires, Bill Silva, Robin Hill, Timpani, scorer, Phil Remedios). Sunday, at Recreio—3 a.m., Vikings v Rexes (umpires, Phil Remedios, Tony Kwok, U. Mose, scorer, Buster Holland). Following on 2.30 p.m., Jaguars v Mohawks (umpires, Herbie Quon, Bill Woo, "Tiger" Hussain).

WIDE OPEN TARGET



Ike Williams (right), world's lightweight champion, tosses a right at Kid Gavilan of Havana who stands wide-open in the final round of their 10-round non-title bout at Madison Square garden, New York. Gavilan, shaking off Williams' right hand bombs, upset the champ to win a split decision on votes of the two judges after Referee Ruby Goldstein called it a draw.—AP Wirephoto.

English Badminton Championships Draw Entries From Nine Nations

London, Feb. 17.—England's badminton championships, scheduled for March 2 to 5 at Harringay Arena, have drawn a record entry of 176 players from nine nations. Malaysia, Denmark, the United States, Sweden, India, South Africa, Ireland, Scotland and the home country all have representatives in the five events.

The tournament will be a world's championship in everything but name.

The Thomas Cup teams from Malaysia, the United States and Denmark have been entered en bloc. The first two countries meet in the Thomas Cup semi-final at Glasgow on February 21 and 22 to decide which will play Denmark in the trophy final at Preston, England, on February 25 and 26.

"Seedings" in the draw for the Men's Singles are Denmark's Jorn Skarup, titleholder, and Poul Holm; Go Teik Hock, Malaysian champion; and Wong Peng Soon of Malaysia; Devinder Mohan Lal of India; Nils Jonsson of Sweden; Dave Freeman, 28-year-old San Diego doctor and Mart Mendez of the American team.

In the Women's Singles, which has a total entry of 174, Danish girls are the only players who have been seeded. They are blonde, shapely Kirsten Thorndahl, holder of the women's singles title, Mrs. Conny Almqvist, Marie Schiott Jacobson and Asse Svendsen.

Forty-four pairs have entered for the men's doubles and 22 pairs for the women's doubles.

Seeded in the men's doubles event are Dave Freeman and Wynne Rogers of the U.S.; Devinder Mohan Lal and D. G. Mawoo of India; Yeh Chyng and Chan Lon Keong of Malaysia; Poul Holm and Ole Jensen of Denmark; Clinton Stephens and Bobby Williams of the U.S.; Go Teik Hock and Tooh Song Khoo of Malaysia; Jorn Skarup and Preben Dalsboe of Denmark; Norman Radford, England, and F. W. Peard, Ireland.

The Danish players made a clean sweep last year of all the five English titles and although they are defending all of them except the men's doubles, it is expected they will lose one or two of them to the Malaysian or American players.—Associated Press.

SQUASH RACKETS

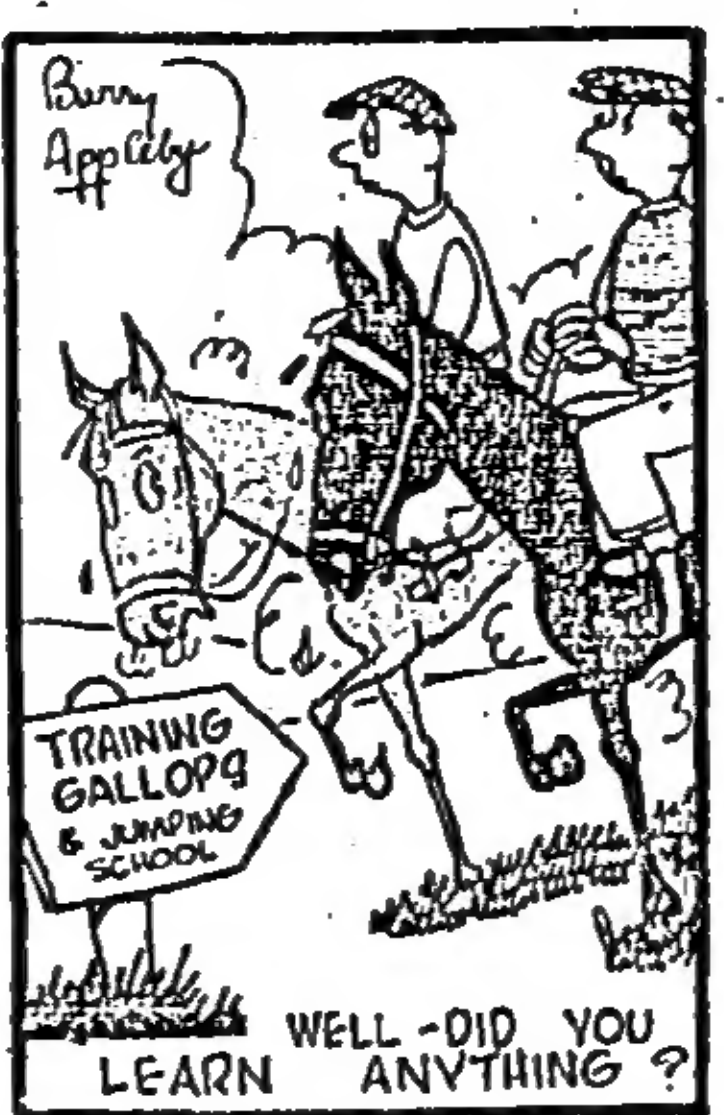
El Karim Through To Semi-Final

London, Feb. 17.—Mahmoud El Karim, Egyptian squash rackets ace, reached the semi-final of the Silvertown professional tournament on Thursday with another clean sweep against an English opponent.

El Karim whipped W. E. Gordon, recent winner of the Grays professional tourney, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0.

The Egyptian gave a brilliant show of squash rackets. He killed the ball from any position in the court.

Gordon injudiciously tried to play El Karim at his own game. As a result, there were sparkling rallies which delighted the audience, but Gordon himself could never score.—Associated Press.



Racing Entries

Entries for the Second Extra Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club scheduled for February 26 are given below:

1. Ascot Stakes, (1st Sec.), 1 Mile.—Abdul Hamid 147; Aeroplane 147; Busy Bee 147; By-the-way 147; Canadian Potato 147; Liberty Diamond 147; Mabel 147; Easy-going 147; Jockeys 147; Public Opinion 147; Reuter 147; Royal 147; Shapereiter 147; Stayer 147; Victory Ship 147.
2. Doncaster Stakes, (1st Sec.), 1 Mile.—Araxy 147; Bitter Sweet 147; Flying Knight 147; Harmony 147; Hongkong 147; Lady 147; Liberty Diamond 147; Mabel 147; Shamie 147; Sparkling Star 147; Trigger 147; Zephyr 147.
3. 12 Furlongs.—Beckenham, Blue Sky, Boudica, Chief Pilot, Desire, Good Ship, Hurricane, Liberation Star, Masterpiece, Minx, Red Fox, Sugarfoot.
4. Newmarket Handicap, (2nd Sec.), 1 Mile.—Baylight, Dig'em, Gypsy Girl, Lucky Starter, Mastery, Oakland Bridge, Pegasus, Rose d'Or, Silver Spear, Sky-master, World Pace.
5. Melbourne Cup, 2 Miles.—Amazon, Black Market, Chief Pilot, Fort Knox, Justice of Peace, King of Peace, Lily, Lola Sapota, Lovely Lady, Meteor, Pleasant Valley, Rebel, Sookunpoo, Sunshine, Vagabond King.
6. Ascot Stakes, (2nd Sec.), 1 Mile.—Concor 147; Filibuster 147; Forever Spring 147; Fortune Field (late Jinx Day) 147; Foyle 147; Glacial Lake 147; Good News 147; Happy Farmers 147; Honey Dew 147; Jemima 147; Mimi 147; Oldhouse 147; Reputation 147; The Hopeful 147; Yacal 147.
7. Doncaster Stakes, (2nd Sec.), 1 Mile.—Blacksmith 147; Gypsy 147; High-land 147; Jockeys 147; Liberty Diamond 147; Mabel 147; Shamie 147; Sparkling Star 147; Trigger 147; Zephyr 147.
8. Ascot Stakes, (3rd Sec.), 1 Mile.—Amsterdam 147; Atomic Power 147; Baren 147; Big Blue 147; Green Velvet 147; Happy Return 147; Hop Yick 147; Jasmun 147; Kolinsky 147; Lucky Jane 147; Morning Sky 147; Racing Queen 147; Speed Wheel 147; Sunlight 147; Transur 147.
9. Hurst Park Handicap, (2nd Sec.), 1 Mile.—3 Furlongs.—Avallon, Crown Witness, Golden Dragon, Heroic Lassie, Jeep Shing, Kentucky Moon, King of Peace, Lili Martine, Noquany Sun, Pegasus, Rebel, Two Ltd.

INDOOR MILE

Slykhuis May Set A New Record

New York, Feb. 17.—Wim Slykhuis, of Holland, can break the world's indoor mile record any time he wants to, according to Gene Venzke, former American record holder.

Venzke has joined a rising school of experts who predict that Slykhuis will become the first foreigner ever to win the American Indoor Mile Championship.

Venzke said: "Slykhuis can do 4 minutes 6 seconds any time he wants to, and he can do it without half trying. If he wanted to break Giff Dodd's world indoor record of 4 minutes 5.3 seconds, it would be at his mercy."

Slykhuis is one of a trio who are expected to take American titles back to Europe and thereby retrieve some prestige lost in the Olympics.

The Swedes, Ingvar Bengtsson and Erik Ahlen, are considered likely to be overshadowed in the mile and three miles respectively.

Bengtsson, however, is confident that the championships will mark his return to top form.

He has beaten him consistently in their last few meetings, rather than go for the 1,000 yards, in which his chances on paper would probably have been considered greater.

Ahlen will probably again chase Reiff home in the three miles.—Reuter.

FIGURE SKATING

Dick Button Wins World Title

Paris, Feb. 18.—Dick Button of New Jersey won the world men's figure skating championship last night, retaining the title he won last year in Switzerland.

Edie Kiraly of Hungary was second.

Button took a commanding lead on Wednesday in performing the compulsory figures. In the second phase yesterday—the free skating—he gave a display of skating grace and rhythm that brought repeated applause.

Alena Yrzanova, slim Czech beauty, was leading the women's competition.—Associated Press.

ICE HOCKEY

Swedes Beat Swiss In World Tourney

Stockholm, Feb. 17.—Sweden beat Switzerland by three goals to one in the final pool of the World Ice Hockey championship at Stockholm tonight.

The police outside the stadium were reinforced tonight in case of a repetition of last night's disorders, in which over 50 people were injured.

The injured were among a crowd of 5,000 which stormed the gates before the Canada-Sweden match, following newspaper accusation of unfair play by the Canadians in their match against Czechoslovakia on Tuesday.—Reuter.

THE SPORTSMAN'S DIARY

Why Not Seven Standard Clubs For All Golfers?

Bankruptcy is facing many golf clubs—for golf has become too expensive for young men.

The initial cost is prohibitive and ridiculous. If a young man wishes to join a club he will find that his first subscription, entrance fee, set of clubs, bag, and all the other paraphernalia can cost as much as £100. What youngster making his way in the world can afford that?

What is the remedy? The price of clubs should be down to £1, and of a standard ball to 2s. Experts assure me that it could be done tomorrow.

Then I think—and so do many others—that it would be the best thing that could happen to golf if the R. and A. decreed that a set of golf clubs should consist in future of seven standardised clubs. Seven and no more.

Almost every other sport has standardised the implements used in it, so why not golf? Which seven would you select for standardisation? My choice would be: Driver, spoon, driving iron (cleek), mashie, mashie-niblick, niblick, and putter.

The club manufacturers, of course, will hold up their hands in horror at the suggestion that there should be such a limitation and standardisation of clubs.

But are they more important than the spread of the game as a popular sport?

I would like to see some of our club committees and alliances lay down the seven-club rule for a season and test it.

REST FOR THE HARES

With the Waterloo Cup nearly over, the hares around Altcar can look forward to a rest. It has always seemed peculiar to me that for such a big event, with more than 100 courses for the Cup, Plate, and Free, there are always enough hares waiting to be chased.

There is no truth, I am told, in the allegation that hares are brought in bags to the coursing arena.

They are driven in by beaters from the surrounding country and it is assumed that the ground is not unfamiliar to them.

A week hare is not coursed and the slippers wait until a strong-running hare is put up before the greyhounds are released. About 20 percent of the hares are killed. The rest get away through escape gulley doors which the hounds cannot go down.

There is a story that every year, just before the Waterloo Cup, certain wise old hares, warned by some sixth sense that trouble is brewing again, can be seen legging it for safety away from the Altcar fields. What would happen if they told all their pals?

THE "HOPELESS" SNOOKER

W. H. Funnell, Southbourne, Hants, asks what should be done when a player is hopelessly snookered and there is no way out.

John C. Bisset, Billiards Control Council chairman, says:—"If a player is snookered so completely that he cannot hit the ball 'on' with a feasible stroke, he is entitled to smash up the position to give his opponent a fair shot at the ball 'on' at his next stroke."

"Since the position of the balls is such that striker must play a foul shot, the rule against a 'deliberate foul' cannot apply."

This problem does not crop up once in 10,000 games. Mr. Bisset's view is based on the common-sense view that a game of snooker cannot go on for ever with, perhaps, hundreds of penalty points and a constant succession of "free ball" leaves.

THOR FOUGHT BACK

When the fighting in Normandy was at its fiercest, some of the most bitterly contested actions of the war took place in the region of M. Marcel Bouscasse's world-famous racing stud at Haras de Fresnay le Buffard, in the centre of the Falaise "pocket."

Casualties among the horses from shelling and bombing were numerous. Many, too, were stolen—but not Thor, a much-prized stallion who had his own version of the resistance movement.

V. Wizenack, in The Horseman's Year, edited by W. E. Lyon (Collins, 10s. 6d.), tells how a party of German soldiers tried to saddle him.

Thor, savage by temperament, reared up, trampled one of the soldiers to death, and broke through to freedom. The rest of the Germans fled in panic.

SOLDIERS' 'NATIONAL'

The Grand Military Gold Cup, to be run in March for the first time since 1939, was known before the war as the soldiers' Grand National. Two winning riders became generals during this war—Lumsden (since killed) and McCreery, who rode two winners, and is now in the U.S.A. attached to the 1st Cavalry.

Favourite this year will undoubtedly be Klaxton, whose owner-rider, Mr. W. D. Gibson, is the late Lord Glanely's nephew.

Mr. Gibson had his first ride under National Hunt rules when winning on Klaxton last Saturday over hurdles. His point-to-point experience should enable him to make an ideal partner for this course specialist.

REDOUBTABLES STILL

Three slightly elderly Old Cranleighans who may be feeling the pace of "A" rugby football but will not admit it are putting up striking records of service.

"Buster" Lambert, captain of the "A" XV, has already completed 20 years of play and is to carry on for one more to make it 21.

Cyril Suter—once tried for England as full-back—in the same team and has played the same

length of time, but says he will turn now to refereeing.

And Stanley Couchman, who toured with the British team in South Africa in 1938, and is a Surrey selector has reached 18 and still makes the 1st XV.

MONOCLED BOXER

Prominent among those who have now completely re-established Belize Boxing Club is J. L. Edgell, ex-officer of the Royal Marines, past champion of Imperial Services, and a monocled boxer (not to be confused with another man, Desmond Jeans who turned professional).

Edgell is the comparatively young chairman of Belize. One of his chief supporters in this revival of the club, which was the amateur counterpart of the "National" Sporting Club, has been W. J. Hastings who, undeterred by the fact that in his last fight—long ago—his jaw was broken, succeeded the late "Jimmy" Dewhurst as secretary. Dewhurst had held office 56 years.

CAMBRIDGE BEATEN

Another is Dick Calver, captain pre-war, and still irreplaceable whose five classic fights against H. D. Huxham still stand as models. He won twice.

That Belize are really back on their feet is shown by their beating Cambridge University in London by 10 bouts to 2, and RAF officers by the odd fight in seven.

Soon they take on Oxford University, officers of the Royal Navy, St. Thomas' Hospital, and London University in that order.

BACK TO THE ARENA

Japan & Germany Find Support

New York, Feb. 17.—Dah Ferris, secretary of the United States Amateur Athletic Union, today advocated the readmission of Germany and Japan to international sport.

Ferris had been asked by Reuter to comment on a report that the United States would support Japan's application for readmission to the International Swimming Federation.

He said that Japan and Germany would eventually be readmitted to international sport so "it might as well be now as later."—Reuter.

Battling Barbara Stymied By LCC

London, Feb. 16.—The London County Council said today that Britain's only female boxer "Battling" Buttrick may appear as scheduled on a variety show at a suburban theatre next month but cannot fight a man as she had planned to do.

She may only do shadow boxing and by punching. Battling Barbara is 18 and comes from Yorkshire.

She has made a living as a typist in London while training for months to be a professional boxer—her lifelong ambition.

Joe Louis To Visit Jamaica

Miami, Florida, Feb. 17.—The world heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, has arrived here on his way to Jamaica to make two public appearances.

He will fly to Kingston tomorrow, according to his publicity manager, and will appear in an exhibition bout at Montego Bay on Saturday, and at Kingston on Monday.

No opponents have been named.—Reuter.

Hockey Fixtures

The following are the Hockey Association fixtures for this Sunday:

University v Club de Recreio, Pokfulam Road, 10 a.m.

Umpires, Capt. Chisnell—E. R. A. Miller.

Navy v RAF, King's Park (RNRCL), 10.30 a.m.

Umpires, P. F. Xavier—J. S. Crown.

Khalisa v Cable & Wireless, King's Park, YMCA, 10 a.m.

Umpires, C. J. Morritt—S. B. C. P. O. Shaw.

Dockyard RC v HK Police, King's Park (RNRCL), 10 m.

Umpires, Yto. Sila Gater.—Mokhan Singh.

YMCA v Army, Sookunpoo, 10 a.m.

Umpires, G. T. Palmer—J. H. Blinko.

Dutch HC v Civil Service, Match postponed.

Dutch Hockey Club v Macao at Macao.

All Umpires are requested to confirm by phone (20301 Ex. 117) before 5 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpire please notify results as soon as possible after the match.

Mister Conquest



FUR SWIM SUIT



The weather round about Hollywood has been so cold this winter that Movie Starlet Laura Elliot has come up with this fur swim suit as a suitable answer. At least that's the story of her press agent.—AP Picture.

New Devices For Finding Uranium

Operated From Cars And Aeroplanes

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Devices that can be operated from aeroplanes or automobiles and attached to oil wells bored to detect the location of uranium deposits are now in the hands of United States scientists, according to two Atomic Energy Commission executives today.

Dr J. K. Gustafson, manager of the Commission's raw materials operations and assistant manager, Dr. Philipp Merrill said geger counter-act devices were part of new techniques being used by the United States in search for the world's most strategic metal.

Dr Gustafson spoke before the annual meeting of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and urged geologists and private mining interests to get behind the almost search for uranium ores.

IMPERATIVE NEED

Dr Merrill, supporting Dr Gustafson, said: "Atomic developments subsequent to the war made imperative the discovery of supplementary sources of this essential raw material."

Dr Gustafson's paper stressed America's mining industry "can and should" develop a programme for uranium mining equal to the industry they have built up around gold, copper, lead, silver and other metals.

He said: "We think the mining industry now has enough elbow room to deal with uranium properties without being unduly hampered by red tape. I am convinced that in the next 10 years more and more mining companies will examine uranium prospects. Their objective will be the mining of uranium and associated metals for profits."

NOVEL INSTRUMENTS

Dr Gustafson outlined some of the instruments or methods that are now available to the government to measure and detect radio-activity.

"There are probes that can be lowered down diamond drill holes and there are laboratory core scanners which enable the operator to quickly measure radio-activity under controlled conditions of a 600 feet daily drill core," Dr Gustafson said.

"There are instruments that can be driven across the country or down in an aeroplane that will automatically register radio-activity in much the way that an aerial magnetometer registers magnetism."

"There are techniques for rough measurement of radio-activity with electroscope and with camera film."

MERLE OBERON. TO WED AGAIN

Venice, February 17.—Canals and cafes of Venice were buzzed with speculation over a possible wedding between film actress Merle Oberon and Venice's playboy the mild Clint Fainazzo in Venice were barred to newsmen. Household servants refused to confirm reports that the couple were at home preparing for their wedding.—United Press.

American Policy In Japan Defended

MISTAKEN UNDERSTANDING BY RUSSIANS

Washington, Feb. 17.—The United States today expressed "regrets" that the Soviet representative in the Far Eastern Commission, Mr Alexander Panyushkin, had voiced "mistaken understanding" of American policy in Japan.

The State Department release made public a statement made on February 3 in the FEC meeting by the Commission chairman, Maj-General Frank McCoy. At that time, General McCoy was replying to the January 27 statement by Mr Panyushkin, condemning the United States' stabilisation programme for Japan which was announced on December 10. Today, Mr Panyushkin renewed his attack, but also widened it to include other issues.

The State Department said Mr Panyushkin's January 27 words "contained all the essential elements" of his allegations on the same subject in the statement released today. Therefore, it released the text of General McCoy's statement, delivered in a closed session two weeks ago.

General McCoy said: "My Government regrets that the Soviet Ambassador failed to understand the purposes of the recent directive to SCAP on economic stabilisation for Japan and regrets particularly the Soviet Ambassador's mistaken understanding of the directive was made public before it could be corrected."

The substance of today's developments in the Russo-American charges and counter-charges seemed to be that Mr Panyushkin reiterated previous allegations concerning the United States' policy in Japan and the United States reiterated previous details.

NO VIOLATION

"Far from violating in any way the regime of control, the United States exercised its authority, clearly recognised by the terms of reference in the FEC, to take unilateral action on matters of urgency," said General McCoy.

He said also that, contrary to Mr Panyushkin's allegations that the United States was ignoring the "democratisation" programme, "it seemed to go without saying that the major objective of the economic stabilisation programme for Japan is to create an economic environment in which genuine democratisation can take place."

Meanwhile, FEC sources who declined to be quoted also said Mr Panyushkin's allegation of violations of FEC terms reference was baseless. They said the regime of control constituted the Supreme commander as chief implemental authority, the United States Government as the agency for transmitting to General MacArthur directives for his implementation, the power of the FEC to formulate general policies and principles, and finally the Japanese government as the executive agency carrying out General MacArthur's orders. Furthermore, the United States was granted the privilege of issuing interim directives in matters of urgency.

NO CONTROL CHANGE

In view of the foregoing "regime of control," the sources said, the stabilisation directive "cannot, by any stretch of imagination, be said to change the regime of control."

A source said, "The Soviet argument is the interim directive will cause a change in economic conditions in Japan, thereby violating the FEC terms of reference which prevent the United States from issuing an interim directive which would change the regime of control. If this interpretation followed, it would be tantamount to saying the U.S. could not issue any interim directive which would alter economic conditions in Japan. Such a contention would be fantastic."

The source said no other member of the FEC agreed with Mr Panyushkin on this particular matter. The Panyushkin statement linked the stabilisation directive with the question of setting peace-time levels for Japanese war industries having a war potential. The source said the linking of these two "must have been done simply for the sake of confusing issues."

SOUND ECONOMY

"The only similarity between them is that both happen to be in the general field of economics and are related to Japan."

It added that the Soviets "cannot object to the real substance of the

stabilisation programme because its objectives are what they themselves claim to advocate, namely, sound peacetime economy. Therefore they object to what they say are the implications of the programme."

Another FEC source, who likewise specified anonymity, said, "Apparently, the Soviets feel that if the FEC had made the same decision that the United States took action unilaterally, it would have guaranteed Japanese independence from foreign financial controls and would have placed more emphasis on the democratisation programme."—United Press.

LABOUR EXPECTS TO WIN

First Of 4 Important Bye-Elections

London, Feb. 17.—Socialists were confident of victory today in the Batley and Morley, Yorkshire, bye-election opening contest of a "miniature general election" in four constituencies. The result will be known early tomorrow.

A Labour Member, Mr Hubert Beaumont, whose death caused the vacancy, held the seat for the Government Party at the 1945 general election with an 11,592 majority in a three-cornered contest. Today's straight fight is between Mr R.M. Ramsden, Conservative, and Dr A.D. Broughton, Labour.

The chief Socialist concern is over the contest at South Hammersmith, London, also caused by the death of the Government Party Member. In this semi-industrial semi-residential borough, the Government majority in the general election was only 3,450.

This also is a straight fight between Mr Anthony Fell, a young Conservative, and Mr Tom Williams, a young Socialist formerly a Baptist Minister. Polling is on February 24.

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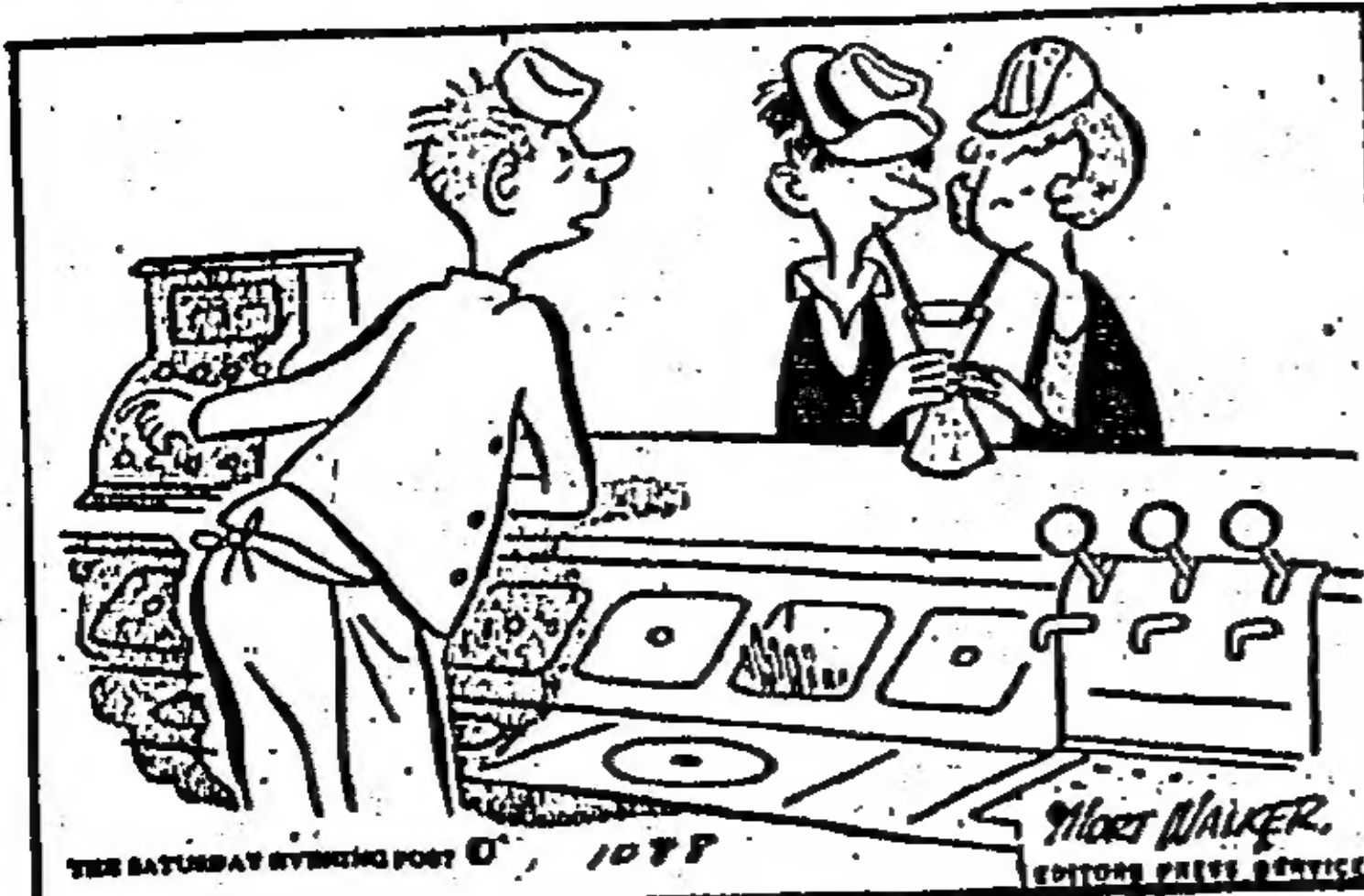
Conservative experts said today their party might win by a thousand votes or as easily lose by the same number. The Government has not so far lost a single seat won or held in 1945, but its supporters realise that South Hammersmith may end this record.

Less Government concern is felt for the bye-election at Sowerby, Yorkshire, caused by the resignation of Mr John Belcher, Board of Trade. Mr Belcher figured in the proceedings of the Tribunal which investigated allegations of corruption in Government quarters. He resigned his Ministerial office and seat in Parliament.

Labour had a majority of nearly 7,000 at the 1945 election, and it is thought that a strong Government candidate now will offset any unfavourable local reaction to the circumstances of Mr Belcher's resignation.

In the fourth contest, at North St Pancras, London, the Government Party also expects victory. Its general election majority was over 7,000.

The Communists have announced that they will nominate a candidate for this contest.—Reuter.



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Autonomy For Slovenes In Austria Is Suggested

London, Feb. 17.—Western diplomats are studying the possibility of establishing an "autonomous province" of Slovenes in Southern Austria, an informed source—a Western diplomat in close touch with the Big Four talks—said in Paris on Thursday.

He added that a compromise has been suggested as a way to end the deadlock in the Austrian independence treaty talks.

Yugoslavia's demand for a piece of Slovene-populated Southern Austria has been the main stumbling block to agreement on a treaty by the Big Four Deputy Foreign Ministers.

Russia has supported the demand and the West opposed it. The source said that the Austrian Cabinet was also considering the compromise "autonomy" scheme. The Austrian Foreign Minister, Karl Gruber, returned on Wednesday to Vienna after private talks with the four deputies.

CAUTIOUS HOPE

British and American officials on Thursday expressed the cautious hope that a treaty agreement may soon be reached for Austria. Details of the deputies' back stage talks with Gruber and with the Yugoslav Deputy, Ales Belber, remained a secret, however.

It was clear though, that the Western diplomats were hoping for some kind of direct Austro-Yugoslav agreement to solve the problem. The sources said that Yugoslavia might give up her territorial claims in return for a scheme to "protect" Austria's Slovene population.

Yugoslavia has demanded cessation of an 800 square mile area in the Austrian provinces of Carinthia and Styria. An estimated 100,000 people, most of them of Slovene descent, live in the disputed territory.

An American official said that America would "support any reasonable proposal to safeguard the Slovene population."

WILLING TO COMPROMISE

No specific proposal has been presented by Belber in his private talks with American, British and French Deputies, the sources said. He added, however, that Belber "made it clear" that Yugoslavia is willing to compromise on its claims in order to reach an agreement.

Belber is expected to appear formally at a session of the Deputy Foreign Ministers next week, when he will represent Yugoslavia in a revised stand. Gruber is expected to return from Vienna to give the Austrian Government's reaction to compromise proposals.

No concrete proposal for an autonomous Slovene province has been hammered out in preliminary talks, said the source, but "various schemes were under review."

An American source said on Thursday that the Western powers were still firmly opposed to giving Yugoslavia any Austrian territory or the \$150,000,000 in reparations that Yugoslavia demanded. Other economic concessions may be made, added the source.—Associated Press.

Danes Practise U.S. Methods

Washington, Feb. 17.—Four teams of Danish workers and technicians each comprising five men today started a two-months' work period in United States factories.

There are 12 workers, four foremen and four engineers in the teams. The workers will take their places at the work benches while the foremen and engineers will be drilled in management practices. They will live with American working families.

Mr Jorgen Skov, chairman of the visiting delegation, is superintendent of a Danish steel mill. His company had purchased a second-hand plate mill from the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, he said. "By next September or October we should be ready for rolling plates for shipyards."

The mill purchases could produce 60,000 tons of plate steel a year.—Reuter.

Convicted As Spy

Twenty Years Hard Labour Sentence

Munich, Feb. 17.—The Eight-man United States Military Commission today found Frantisek Klecka guilty of spying on American installations here for Czechoslovakia and sentenced him to 20 years hard labour.

The verdict was announced by Brig-General John L. McKee, President of the military court, whose members voted by a two-thirds majority to find Klecka guilty of acts "prejudicial to the security mission of the U.S. forces in Europe."

Defence attorneys said immediately after the trial that they would file a petition for review of the verdict with the U.S. Army Military Reviewing Board. The defendant is 31 years old. His nationality has still not been established, but he is said to be either German or Czech or a combination of both.—United Press.

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The wedding of Mr Leslie Ernest Smith and Miss Mildred Antoinette Remedios which was to take place on Saturday February 19, 1949, will now take place on Saturday, February 20th, at St. Joseph's Church at 4 p.m. and the reception at 11, Conduit Road. All relatives and friends are cordially invited.

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